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OUTLINES.

Two negroes lynched Sunday night at Rockport, Ind.; they had brutally murdered a white man. —— Great Britain demands a modification in the joint note of the Powers to China. House Committee on Census agreed to report the Hopkins re-appointment bill leaving the total membership 357, as at present. —— German training ship foundered off Malaga; over one hundred lives were lost. —— The Governor of Indiana has ordered a company of militia to Booneville, Ind., to prevent an expected lynching; a race war is feared. —— The Senate has agreed to take a vote upon the Hay-Pauncefotr treaty next Thursday. —— Fire at the Norfolk Navy Yard Sunday destroyed valuable records. —— British report a battle with the Boers yesterday resulting in a British victory. —— Argument was begun in the U. S. Supreme Court in two cases, the decision of which is expected to fix the status of Porto Rico and the Philippine islands. — Another negro was lynched last night by a mob at Booneville, Ind. —— Mrs. Frances of Newbern was burned to death at her home. —— N. Y. markets. Money on call steady at 4@5 per cent., last loan being at 4 per cent.; prime mercantile paper 4½@5½ per cent.; cotton quiet; middling uplands 10c; flour again neglected, but manifested rather more steadiness with less pressure to sell; wheat—spot firm; No. 2 red 78c; corn—spot steady; No. 2, 45½c at elevator; oats—spot dull; No. 2, 27½c; rosin steady; strained common to good $1.70@1.75; spirits turpentine quiet.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 17.

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 24 degrees; 8 P. M., 37 degrees; maximum, 44 degrees; minimum, 23 degrees; mean, 34 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .0; rainfall since 1st of the month up to date, 2.23 inches.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—For North Carolina—Fair and warmer Tuesday. Wednesday fair; variable winds.

Port Almanac—December 18.

Sun Rises	7.05 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.47 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 43 M.
High Water at Southport	5.15 P. M.
High Water Wilmington	7.45 P. M.

Cuba still continues to raise cane. The sugar crop this year is estimated at 1,000,000 tons.

There is one Virginia girl who finds poetry writing profitable. She has raked in a $300,000 hubby with a piece she dashed off.

As Boss Platt has disposed of Teddy Roosevelt for four years he can now turn his attention to other gentlemen he may desire to shelve.

The tenth ward in New York is the most densely populated patch of ground in the world. There are 423,000 people on 712 acres, or 644 to the acre.

Shows in France are not good places to make collections for the poor. When the exposition was opened boxes for contributions for the poor were put up and the aggregate sum panned out $11.72.

A rich corporation in New York is trying to recover $18,000 stolen by a $10 a week clerk. A clerk who was cute enough to get away with so much money without being suspected or detected was worth more than $10 a week.

It is somewhat remarkable that while some people in this country prefer goods made in Europe, a good many people in Europe prefer goods made in this country. These people are practically better Americans than the Americans who prefer foreign stuff.

A Cleveland, Ohio, burglar who got into a house and stole $89, apologized by leaving a note stating that being out of work he had to steal or starve, but with better luck he would return the amount stolen, with interest, within a year. Being an Ohio man he probably expects a Government job.

Chicago is a hustling town but there is one man in it who is dead set against advertising. He has authorized the police to draw on him from week to week for a considerable amount of money to relieve deserving people in distress, but says that if his name be made known he will stop short off.

The Kansas penitentiary has accumulated forty persons convicted of murder, who have not been hanged because one Governor, for some reason, refused to sign death warrants and all the other Governors have followed suit. This suits all the convicts except one, who is hankering to be hanged but can't be accommodated.

LOCAL DOTS.

— The Board of Audit and Finance will meet to-night.

— The schooner *Percy and Lilly* arrived Sunday at Fort Caswell with cement from New York.

— Rev. P. C. Morton is absent from the city conducting evangelical services at points in Brunswick county.

— The barque *Victor Barrow* arrived at Tybee, Ga., yesterday and was ordered and proceeded to Wilmington.

— Carolina Lodge, No. 434, Knights of Honor, will have its annual election of officers to-night at 7:30 o'clock.

— The State Board of Pharmacy will meet at Raleigh, January 15th and 16th for the examination of applicants for license.

— A special meeting of the Wilmington lodge of Elks will be held to night to perfect plans for the social features of the order.

— The Brither schooner *Brothers* was cleared yesterday for Nassau by Messrs. Heide & Co., with a cargo of shingles consigned by the B. F. Keith Company.

— Another foot ball team has been organized in Wilmington with a view to playing Newbern at Newbern, on Friday, Dec. 28th. All arrangements have been made for the game.

— Mr. J. Robert Ingram, of Star, Montgomery county, will manage the Carolina Fruit Company which will shortly open in one of Mr. I. Shrier's stores on Front near Mulberry street.

— Yesterday morning was the coldest of the season. The mercury got down to 23 degrees at 7 o'clock and the weather set a lively pace for those who were out on the streets so early.

— S. V. Bunting and wife filed a deed yesterday transferring to George D. Pugh, property in lot No. 2, block 345, where Second and Fourth streets intersect in Brooklyn, consideration $365.

— In the municipal court yesterday, Chas. Fisher and Leroy Perry were sent to the county roads for 30 days each for disorderly conduct. Melissa Pigford and May Battle were sent below for 20 days for an affray. The defendants are all colored.

— A valuable draft horse belonging to Messrs. W. E. Worth & Co., had his leg broken Sunday and had to be killed. The animal was kicked on the shoulder by another horse of several that got out of their stables and were romping on the postoffice green.

— Mr. S. H. Burtt, for many years one of the expert accountants in the office of the Standard Oil Company in this city, has resigned that position and accepted work with Messrs. I. M. Bear & Co. As a token of their esteem the fellow employes of Mr. Burtt at the Standard Oil Company have presented him with a handsome gold watch.

— A horse behind which Mr. W. M. Decker, Jr., and Miss Minnie Vollers, of Point Caswell, were driving in a buggy, ran away on the turnpike Sunday afternoon and both occupants of the vehicle narrowly escaped being seriously injured by being thrown out and dragged some distance. One of the shafts was broken and pulling against the other the horse turned the buggy over.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

S. H. MacRae—Bankrupt notice.
King Grocery Co.—Fancy Cakes.
Fishblate Clothing Co.—Our policy.
W. H. Bowdlear & Co.—Floor wax.
Wilmington Savings and Trust Co.—A Christmas suggestion.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. J. S. Collins, of Burgaw, was a visitor to the city yesterday.

— Mr. Edwin Tillman Johnson, of Fort Hill, S. C., is at The Orton.

— Mr. T. Q. Hall, of Wallace, was among yesterday's arrivals in the city.

— Mr. Harllee Bellamy is at home from Philadelphia to spend the holidays.

— Mr. J. B. Black, of Burgaw, was among last evening's registrations at The Orton.

— Mrs. T. R. Kerr and two children, of Jacksonville, N. C., are guests at The Orton.

— Mrs. E. A. Silva, who has been visiting friends up the country, returned home yesterday.

— Mr. S. E. Memory, a prominent merchant of Whiteville, was a visitor to the STAR office yesterday.

— Commissary Sergeant Salter, of the army post at Caswell, was up to the city yesterday on a business trip.

— Misses Isabel Rountree and Julia Parsley came home from St. Mary's College last evening to spend Christmas.

— Messrs. George and Alvis Huske and Crozier Thompson, of the A. C. L. clerical department, spent Sunday at their homes in Fayetteville.

— Mr. A. H. Wood, advance representative of the Teddy McGovern Company, is here arranging for the appearance of his company Saturday night.

— Miss Erma Webster returned home yesterday from Greensboro Female College to spend the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Webster.

— Messrs. D. Archie Bullock and Adolph Ahrens are at home from the University to spend the holidays. Mr. Fred Dock is also at home from Oak Ridge Institute to spend Christmas.

REV. ROBT. STRANGE

Delivered His Parting Sermon Sunday as Rector of St. James' Parish.

RECEPTION LAST EVENING.

His Discourse on the Sabbath Was Appropriate and Comforting to Congregation—Many Friends at Parish House to Say Goodbye

Rev. Dr. Robert Strange closed a term of thirteen years as rector of St. James' Episcopal parish in this city on Sunday with a strong and especially forcible sermon, which was attentively listened to by a very large congregation embracing not only the members of his own parish but representative people of the other religious denominations in the city. Included in the large assemblage, which completely filled the main audience room and the gallery, were more than the usual number of young people with whom Dr. Strange is so universally popular, and deservedly so, for the very kindly interest taken in their well-being and all that pertains to their welfare socially and religiously.

Dr. Strange very appropriately took for his theme upon the occasion of his last appearance before the members of his parish, by whom he is dearly loved, the eighth verse of the eleventh chapter of Hebrews: "By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out not knowing whither he went." While no direct reference in connection with the sermon was made to his own personal case by the speaker, the application was clear and appreciated by the intelligent auditors, who found much comfort and consolation in the discourse which marked the termination of Dr. Strange's career as rector of the parish for a call to duty in a wider, but perhaps less inviting field of usefulness.

The character of Abraham was portrayed by the speaker as the idol of three great religions—the Mohammedans, who called him the Father of the Faithful; the Jews, who refer to him as the father of their race, and the Christians, who consider him as a friend of God. The apostle in writing the text referred to the call of Abraham from the Ur of the Chaldeas to to the land of Canaan. Abraham and Terah left and after travelling a hundred miles came to Haran. God then called him to Canaan. There were more inviting fields towards every point of the compass except to the south where God called him. Dr. Strange then spoke of the decision of Abraham, the considerations in view and the spirit which prompted his acceptance of God's will and the execution of his order. In the same manner God called David and the prophets and went beyond the confines of his people and called Cyrus. Then there are numerous instances of God's call to his people. Dr. Strange also talked of the manner of calling and to whom calls were usually made and the prayerful consideration that should be given each by the people of God who should consult their consciences and Divine impulses. He concluded his sermon by drawing a mind picture of a young man fresh from college, his decision to abandon the idea of law for the less lucrative position and emoluments of the ministry; his establishment as rector; his marriage and a long period of peaceful life marked by contentment and happiness; the growth of his parish; a call to another with more difficulties, perhaps, and the leaving of a cherished home and loving friends. The decision must be made; shall it be with an eye single to personal comfort and pleasure? It should not, and the temptation to remain in more inviting fields must be crushed and a determination must be set up to surmount difficulties, overcome objections and respond nobly to the call of duty and the call of God.

There was perhaps never a congregation more enraptured with the words of a speaker or more attentive than that which heard Dr. Strange. Rev. Mr. Horsfield, who has become temporary rector of St. James, was present at the service and read the scripture lesson. He has already made a very favorable impression upon the parishioners of St. James and the people of Wilmington generally.

Last evening from 8 to 10 o'clock Dr. and Mrs. Strange received their friends in the city at the parish House and the callers were quite numerous and as upon the occasion of the service at the church Sunday morning, there were many who came for their personal friendship for Dr. and Mrs. Strange who were not members of the parish but whose regret at their departure was equally as much heartfelt as that of those whom Dr. Strange has so long served as rector. The affair was very informal in accoord with the desires of Dr. Strange but was withal very pretty and expressive of the feeling of Wilmington's people toward those who are soon to depart. Chocolates and other refreshments were served of the ladies of the parish and were greatly enjoyed.

Rev. Mr. Horsfield, the new rector, was present at the reception and met those who called.

As stated in these columns Sunday, Mrs. Strange and children will leave this morning for Lawrenceville, Va., to visit relatives and Dr. Strange will leave on Thursday of this week.

— Mrs. E. F. Bowen, of Raleigh, arrived last night to spend Christmas with her parents, Col. and Mrs. W. J. Woodward.

AT THE METHODIST CHURCHES

Strong Sermons by the New and Retiring Presiding Elders of Wilmington District—Large Congregations.

Rev. R. B. John, the new presiding elder of Wilmington District, North Carlinia M. E. Conference, preached two excellent sermons in Wilmington Sunday at Fifth Street Church in the morning and at Market Street Church in the evening. It was his first visit to Wilmington in his new capacity and very naturally there were large crowds at both services, who formed the impression at once that the Conference had especially favored the Wilmington district in sending Rev. Mr. John to preside over it. He is a preacher of great earnestness and is practical and appealing in speech.

At Fifth Street Church he took his text from Second Thessalonians, first chapter and third verse. His especial theme as drawn from the passage was faith and love and the susceptibility of these two virtues to development by continuous and systematic exercise.

At Market Street Church he based his discourse upon the passage of scripture contained in the fifteenth chapter of John, eleventh verse: "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you and that your joy might be full." His sermon was upon the Christian and the Christian life and was very comforting and assuring. It was well received by the large congregation assembled to hear him

Rev. R. F. Bumpass, the retiring presiding elder who has been with the Wilmington district for the past two years and who has been assigned by the Conference to the pastorate of the Centenary Church, of Newbern, preached Sunday morning at Grace M. E church to a congregation which well nigh filled the building. He took his text from Hebrews and his especial theme was the faith of Moses. His sermon was a strong one and greatly appreciated by those who heard it. After Rev. Mr. Bumpass' remarks, Rev. J. N. Cole, pastor of Grace church, arose and expressed the appreciation of the entire district and of the people of Wilmington especially, for the valiant service and duty performed by Rev. Mr. Bumpass during his sojourn here. His departure is regretted exceedingly by all who know him and by his denomination especially, with whom the true worth of the man is, of course, more manifest.

FUNERAL OF MRS. E. WARREN

Conducted from Residence Sunday Morning—Interment at Southport.

At 10 o'clock Sunday morning from the family residence, No. 113 Market steet, Rev. J. N. Cole, pastor of Grace M. E. Church, impressively conducted the funeral of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Warren, whose sad death was noted in Staurday's STAR. A large number of friends and relatives were present and a selected choir rendered in a beautiful manner the funeral hymns Immediately after the service the remains, accompanied by members of the family and a number of friends, were taken to the steamer *Wilmington* and conveyed to Southport, where the interment was made in the family burying ground. The services at the cemetery were led by Rev. R. W. Bailey, pastor of the Southport Methodist Church, and many beautiful floral tributes were laid upon the grave as a token of the very high esteem in which the deceased was held.

The pall bearers were: Honorary, Col. A. M. Waddell, Messrs. W. E. Springer, D. L. Gore, N. Jacobi, Wilkes Morris and J. H. Boatwright; active, Capt. J. L. Boatwright, Dr. W. C. Galloway, Capt. E. D. Williams, Capt. E. G. Parmele, Messrs. J. H. Watters, R. R. Bellamy, W. C. Von Glahn and Iredell Meares.

Accidental Killing at Fayetteville.

Charlie Byrd, a white youth of Fayetteville, and a son of ex-Chief of Police Byrd, of that city, was accidentally killed late Saturday afternoon by the accidental discharge of a pistol in the hands of Charlie Jones, an associate of about his own age, with whom he was swapping pistols on Person street, as they were on their way home to Campbellton, a suburb of Fayetteville. Young Jones was attempting to get his revolver out of his inside coat pocket when it fired, the ball taking effect just below the collar bone, ranging downward and coming out below the left shoulder blade. The wounded boy fell into the arms of a man standing near and died instantly. A coroner's jury returned a verdict of accidental homicide. Both boys stand well in their community and young Jones is almost prostrated with grief at the killing of his companion.

Veteran Travelling Man Dead.

Major W. D. McCracken, a well-known travelling man representing the Royal Wheel Company, of Cincinnati, was found dead in his room at the Hotel Kennon, of Goldsboro, early Sunday morning. He came to Goldsboro Saturday evening, registered and went up to his room for a bath and to do some writing. Later he came down in the office and did the writing and returning to his room left a call for 6 A. M., as he proposed leaving at 7:10 A. M. for Raleigh. The porter sent up in the morning to arouse the travelling man was unable to get into the room and after climbing through the transom found his lifeless body on the floor. Physicians pronounced the result of death from apoplexy. Deceased was 60 years of age.

AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

Two Excellent Attractions for Theatre-Goers This Week—"What Happened to Jones" To-morrow Night.

"What Happened to Jones."—Geo. H. Brosdhuri's successful comedy "What Happened to Jones," said to be one of the funniest plays ever written and which ran for more than one hundred nights in New York, will be the offering at the Opera House tomorrow night. In speaking of the play and company the Lynchburg *News* of the 12th says:

"What Happened to Jones" was the attraction at the Opera House last evening. The play was presented with spirit and was received with evident appreciation. From one end to the other, the production was distinguished by striking and laughable situations. In its visit here last year, "What Happened to Jones," was in the hands of a strong company, and judging by experience an aggregation of somewhat less merit might have been expected for last night, but such was by no means the case; for in many respects it was a stronger and better balanced company than the one which first brought the piece to Lynchburg. Altogether "What Happened to Jones" was exceedingly enjoyable, and in its entertaining qualities will easily rank among the best comedies that have been here this season. Sale of seats begin this morning at Gerken's.

"A Runaway Girl."—For the past two seasons the famous musical comedy, "A Runaway Girl," has been the theatrical triumph of the principal cities of the union. It is said to be duplicating its success this season in the same pronounced manner. After its remarkale run of six hundred nights in London at the Gaiety Theatre, it was produced at Daly's Theatre in New York city and was an instantaneous success. It remained three hundred nights and then made a tour of the larger cities of the country and met with an ovation everywhere. It will be presented in this city at the Opea House Thursday night the 20th. The exceptionally clever comedian, Mr. Arthur Dunn, in conjunction with some sixty other artists, comprising the Augustin Daly musical company, will appear in this production. The advent here of this famous company has already created considerale interest which will only be intensified as the date of its arrival in the city approaches. Seats on sale to-morrow morning.

THE COUNTY SCHOOLS

Will Close for the Christmas Holidays on Friday, December 21st.

Prof. Washington Catlett, County Superintendent of Schools, stated yesterday that the schools in the county will close for the Christmas holidays on Friday, December 21st, and will re-open on Monday December 31st. Prof. Catlett says that there will be Christmas entertainments and exercises at Myrtle Grove, Greenville, and Delgado Mills schools and probably at others.

Circulars are being sent out to the various schools by the Superintendent urging the teachers to establish circulating libraries in their respective schools, and explaining the method by which the best results may be attained. Prof. Catlett said he was glad to note that the Middle Sound school has already started a library, and it is also taking great pride in beautifying the grounds. This is a worthy example for other schools to follow.

Figures of Methodist Conference.

Rev. W. L. Cunninggim, secretary of the North Carolina Conference, which met at Newbern week before last, has finished compiling his reports and finds that there is a gain of 1,135 in church membership during the year. The collections for foreign missions are shown to be larger than ever before, and a larger appropriation was made for home missions than ever before. The Methodists in the State have now in the process of erection a number of fine churches, among them is the one at Rocky Mount, costing probably $12,000; one at Oxford, costing $30,000; one at Wilson, equally as costly; a $12,000 church at Elizabeth City, and a number of others that will reflect credit upon the denomination.

Order of Chosen Friends.

A communication was received yesterday by Mr. H. C. Twining, secretary of Wilmington Council No. 19, Order of Chosen Friends, from T. B. Linn, supreme reporter of the Supreme Council, Indianapolis, Ind., giving assurances to members of the order that they would not suffer from the litigation of last week, mention of which was made in the STAR at the time. He stated that the Chosen Friends will be merged into the Standard Fraternal Association, a new order being organized. Memberships can be removed to the new order without pecuniary loss or extra expense. Wilmington Council will act on the matter at a meeting to-morrow night.

At St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

The congregation at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church listened to two very able sermons Sunday morning and evening delivered by Rev. C. L. T. Fisher, of Elizabeth College, Charlotte. At both services the church was filled and those who heard Mr. Fisher were delighted at his discourse. He came to supply the pulpit Sunday in the absence of Rev. Dr. Voigt, who is visiting relatives in the North.

Holiday for the Public Schools.

The public schools of the city will hold a half session next Monday, December 24th, after which all the students will be dismissed for the holidays until 9 o'clock Wednesday morning, January 2nd, 1901, when regular work will be resumed. There will be holiday exercises in some of the schools on next Monday.

CALL TO DR. WELLS.

He Will Be Asked to Become Pastor of First Presbyterian Church.

HE WILL PROBABLY ACCEPT.

Now Serving Second Church of Staunton, Va., and Will Visit Wilmington on a Trip South During the Holidays. Congregational Meeting.

At a congregational meeting of the members of the First Presbyterian church, of Wilmington, held Sunday immediately after the morning service, a unanimous call to the pastorate of the church was extended to Rev. Dr. J. M. Wells, Ph. D., pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, of Staunton, Va., to succeed Rev. Dr. Peyton H. Hoge, who resigned more than a year ago to accept a call to Warren Memorial church, Louisville, Ky. The action was merely an endorsement of the selection made by a committee appointed for this purpose several months ago and it is believed that the Rev. Mr. Wells will accept. The committee has had much correspondence with him and the members think he is inclined to the idea of coming. He will visit the church and preach a sermon very soon and he will likely announce his decision about that time. He is regarded as a very able man and the church will feel fortunate in securing his services in the event he will accept.

The congregational meeting was presided over by Rev. J. W. Paxton, who is temporarily supplying the pulpit, and Mr. B. F. Hall, as clerk, kept a record of the proceedings. The committee announced its selection through its chairman, Mr. C. H. Robinson, and the call was extended without a dissenting voice. The other members of the committee are: Mr. B. F. Hall, Mr. W. M. Cumming, Mr. W. A. Riach, Mr. W. E. Worth, Mr. W. J. Croswell and Capt. Henry Savage.

Rev. Dr. Wells will come South to spend the holidays and will likely make his visit to Wilmington either on his way down or upon his return. He is a native of Mississippi and is about thirty years of age. He is married and has three children.

HOWARD RELIEF FIRE ENGINE CO.

Annual Meeting and Election of Officers Last Night—Charter Changes.

The annual meeting of the Howard Relief Fire Engine Company, which will shortly apply to the Legislature for a change of name to the "Howard Relief Company," held its annual meeting last night at which the following officers were elected:

President—M. Ratjen.
Vice President—J. W. Duls.
Secretary and Treasurer—J. G. L. Gieschen.
Foreman—M. Schnibbeb.
First Assistant Foreman—H. T. Duls.
Second Assistant Foreman—H. L. Vollers.

The proposed change in the charter of the company was read and accepted and ordered to be presented to the Legislature with a request to grant the same. The only other important change besides that of the name was the provision requesting the amount of real and personal property that the company may own. In view of the fact that the organization is soon to erect a handsome new building on corner of Front and Orange streets an increase" in the figures will be asked and without a doubt granted.

There was a large and enthusiastic attendance upon the meeting.

Knights and Ladies of Honor.

North State Lodge No. 2,135, Knights and Ladies of Honor, at last night's meeting elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

Protector—J. M. McGowan.
V. Protector—Geo. Zeigler.
Chaplain—J. S. Canady.
Secretary—J. D. Webster.
Financial Secretary—L. E. Sebrell.
Treasurer.—Mrs. P. N. Fick.
Guide—Mrs. M. E. Keathley.
Guard—W. K. Walker.
Sentry—P. N. Fick.
Past Protector—H. C. Twining.
Trustees—J. D. Nutt, W. H. Brown and C. T. Harper.

His Sentence Extended.

Mr. S. E. Memory, of Whiteville, who was in the city yesterday, told of a rather unusual incident which took place at Whiteville Sunday. A negro who was sentenced at the present term of Columbus Superior Court to three years in the penitentiary for stealing a horse, became so violent and uncontrolable in the jail Sunday that it was necessary for the jailor to chain him to his cell. Judge Robinson, who is presiding over the court, hearing of the negro's frenzy, ordered the clerk to extend his sentence to five years instead of three. "Cutting up capers" cost him two years longer imprisonment.

Encampment Elected Officers.

Campbell Encampment No. 1, I. O. O. F., at its regular meeting last night, elected the following officers to serve for the ensuing term:

C. P.—J. T. King.
H. P.—H. W. Smith.
S. W.—W. L. Smith.
J. W.—C. C. Chadbourn.
Scribe—W. H. Howell.
Treasurer—N. Jacobi.
Trustees—B. J. Jacobs, L. L. Boon and J. O. Craig.

The above officers will be installed, by D. D. G. P., L. L. Boon on the first Monday in January.

What Shall We Eat?

It one of the most interesting questions during the Holiday season. We have made ample provision for everything in that line, especially.....

Fancy Cakes and Crackers,

and invite your attention to a few of the very large assortment now in stock:.....

Scotch Coffee	per lb 15c	Graham Wafers	per lb 15c
Orange Drops	" 15c	Butter Thins	" 15c
Imperial Dessert	" 20c	Java Cocoanut	" 20c
Fig Newtons	" 18c	Lemon Cakes	" 10c
Lemon Snaps	" 15c	Our Favorite	"
Iced Creams	" 20c	Animal Nic-nacs	" 12½c
Assorted Fingers	" 10c	Ginger Snaps	" 08c
Walnut Bon Bons	" 20c	Banquet Wafers	" 15c
Hustlers	" 10c	Nic-nacs	" 09c

The qualities of these goods are all right. Crisp, finely flavored and fresh from the bakery.

Mixed Nuts, 15 cents per lb.; English Walnuts, 15 cents per lb.; Citron, 15 cents per lb.; L. L. Raisins, 19½ cents per lb.

THE KING GROCERY CO.,
Fourth Street Bridge.
Both 'Phones 387.
J. T. SHOLAR, Manager.
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A CHRISTMAS SUGGESTION!

A book with the Wilmington Savings and Trust Co.,

Showing a "Nest Egg" deposit in the Largest and Strongest Savings Bank in North Carolina affords a most desirable Christmas present. This has already occurred to many.—Have You Thought of It?—Call for a Book and encourage the habit of saving in your family. Money deposited NOW will bear interest from January 1st.

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C. E. TAYLOR, Jr., Cashier. dec 15 tf

REV. E. W. WOOTEN DEAD.

Prominent Baptist Minister Passed Away at Prong, N. C., Last Friday.

Rev. E. W. Wooten, of Prong, N. C., near Whiteville, died at his home last Friday, after an illness of several weeks of typhoid fever. He was 72 years of age and was in the Baptist ministry for years, being one of the most prominent and esteemed citizens of that section. His death is deplored throughout the community.

Deceased is survived by his wife and three sons, Rev. Frank Wooten and Messrs. Richard and Edward Wooten, of Prong. Also by two brothers, Capt. Thomas Wooten and Mr. Shade Wooten, of Clarkton.

The funeral was conducted Sunday afternoon and he was buried with Masonic honors, he having been a prominent Mason for years. The attendance upon the funeral was very large. The interment was in the family burying ground.

Royal Arch Masons.

Concord Chapter, No. 1, Royal Arch Masons, at its regular communication last night elected officers for the ensuing year as follows:

High Priest—E. O. Toomer.
King—J. E. Matthews.
Scribe—Eric Norden.
Captain of the Host—R. W. Price.
Treasurer—J. C. Munds.
Secretary—W. A. Martin.
Member of Building Committee—E. P. Bailey.

Sunday School Entertainment.

The members of Brooklyn Baptist Sunday School will give their annual holiday entertainment this year on the night of January 1st, and will present the sparkling little cantata "Charmed Garden." Practices have already begun for the event. In connection with the cantata there will be refreshments for all the children and a thoroughly delightful event is promised.

Black Patti's Troubadours.

The Black Patti Troubadours, an aggregation of colored singers, dancers and cake walkers, appeared at the Opera House last night. Half of the lower floor of the house as well as both balconies was occupied by colored prtrons, who seemed to derive great pleasure from the performance. The singing was really meritorious.

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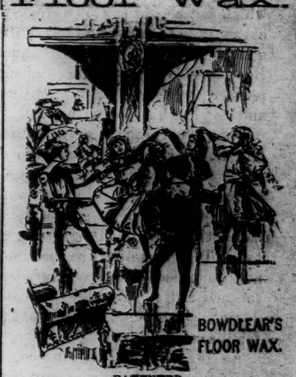
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BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

TUESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 18.

TO MUCH LAND FOR TOO LITTLE MONEY.

The probabilities are that there will be an increased acreage of cotton in this State next year and probably in the entire cotton belt. Whether this will result in lower prices for the next crop than have been attained for the crop of this year is a matter of speculation, different opinions being held on that, some contending that it will, others that it will not even if there there should be an increase of a couple million bales, because the surplus for the world has been pretty well used up, and this will ensure the keeping up of prices. We will know more about that after the next crop comes in than we do now.

The question for the average North Carolina planter to consider is whether he can afford to take the chances and put his main dependence on cotton, when even at ten cents a pound the margin of profit is not very large for him. According to the last report of the United States Department of Agriculture it took an average of 2½ acres of land to produce a five-hundred pound bale of cotton, which at ten cents a pound, including the seed, was worth $67; $50 for the lint and $17 for the seed, that is when the planter is close enough to an oil mill too dispose of the seed. This gives him within a fraction of $26 an acre for his crop. Estimating the cost of production at five cents a pound, (and it costs the average planter this much if not more), this gives him $13.50 an acre, which is not a great return for land, when so much labor is required, compared with other crops, where the labor is no greater, if not less. It would be a very poor crop of wheat, corn, tobacco or grass, fruits and vegetables which would not pay better than that. Tobacco, which can be and is grown wherever cotton can be grown, not infrequently pays ten times as much. But this is where the tobacco planter understands his business and handles his crop with care.

But if everybody grew tobacco and raised it regardless of the demand or the prospective demand it would soon be so that there would be no more money in growing tobacco than there is in growing cotton. That sometimes happens now, and the prices of ordinary grades of tobacco fall so low that the planter doesn't get enough out of it to pay fertilizer bills.

As for cotton and tobacco, the two crops on which so many North Carolina farmers now depend, it is simply a question of time when the average cotton grower of this State will have to abandon its culture, and when the average tobacco grower in the hill section of the State, which once took the lead in its production, will have to abandon it and turn his attention to something else. The sooner the average cotton grower and the average tobacco grower (in the section of the State referred to) realize this and govern themselves accordingly the better it will be for them.

The cotton grower cannot go on cultivating two and a half or three acres of land to get a bale of cotton and compete or take his chances with the planters in more favored sections who can get a bale to the acre, and produce it at one-half what it costs him. And the up-country tobacco grower cannot compete with the planters of the more favored sections who can produce twice or three times as much to the acre, and have it cured and safely housed, or marketed before his crop is gathered out of the way of the frost. There are some growers in that section whose lands are adapted to the growth of a particular kind of leaf which is in demand and commands good prices, who may continue in the business and make it pay, but these will be small in number compared with those who cannot.

Under these circumstances the prudent cotton planter and tobacco planter will plan for the future and take time by the forelock, so that he may have something to rely upon when he can no longer depend upon cotton.

There is no part of North Carolina where cotton or tobacco is grown where the grains and grasses will not grow, and there is no part of North Carolina where the land is productive enough to bring fair crops of cotton or tobacco where it would not pay the farmer better to grow wheat, or corn. This will apply to both the ordinary tobacco and cotton lands.

But to do this there must be method, system and intelligent culture, no mere scraping of the soil and scattering of seed, but methods that look to the future and to enriching the soil so that it may bear good and better crops from year to year, make land that will produce twenty-five or thirty or more bushels of wheat to the acre, and a bale of cotton or more if the planter should decide to plant cotton occasionally, when the prospects are good for fair prices. There isn't a farm in North Carolina which should not have a portion of it laid off for the grasses and other fertilizing crops which in addition to their commercial value become stock feeders and fertilizers. A few acres of these to start with, judiciously managed, in connection with stock enough to consume the product of these acres and other forage on the farm may be made the means of fertilizing in time a large farm and immensely enhancing its value both as a producer or as property put upon the market.

North Carolina should be and eventually must become a grain-growing, grass-growing, stock-raising, fruit growing State, and when she becomes this, she may then, if her farmers pay any attention to cotton, be as great a cotton-growing State as she is now and produce the same number of bales on one-third the number of acres.

When our farmers can do that they need not be so much concerned about the price for they can grow it at much less cost than they do now and make more money out of it even at a less price than they get now. They can then afford to take some chances on cotton because they will have other crops which will pay them as well or better. The sooner they take this view of it and begin to turn their attention to the other staple products for which their farms are adapted, the better it will be for them and the sooner they may consider it a matter of no import to them whether the planters of Mississippi, Alabama, Texas and other States plant much or little cotton.

PRITCHARD OPPOSED TO IT.

In commenting upon the apportionment bill of Representative Crumpacker, of Indiana, we remarked that it would not be received with much favor, and that it would be opposed by leading Republican politicians and Representatives from the South. Senator Pritchard, of this State, has taken an early opportunity to put himself on record against it and to give his reasons therefor. He is thus quoted in a recent interview with the Washington correspondent of the Raleigh *Post*:

"I am of the opinion that Congress does not now possess authority to reduce North Carolina's representation, and can never exercise such power until it is ascertained that a number of our citizens have been denied the right to vote.

"The clause of the Constitution upon which the author of this bill relies is Section 2 of the Fourteenth Amendment, which reads as follows: "'Sec. 2. Representatives shall be apportioned among the several States according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each State, excluding Indians not taxed. But when the right to vote at any election for the choice of electors for President and Vice President of the United States, Representatives in Congress, the executive and judicial officers of a State, for the members of the Legislature thereof, is denied to any of the male inhabitants of such State, being 21 years of age, and citizens of the United States, or in any way abridged, except for participation in rebellion, or other crime, the basis of representation therein shall be reduced in the proportion which the number of such male citizens shall bear to the whole number of male citizens 21 years of age in such State.'

"This section does not undertake to confer upon Congress the authority to act until it shall appear by ascertainment in an official manner that a number of our citizens have been denied the right to vote. This has not been done and upon the face of our election returns it does not appear that a sufficient number of our citizens have been denied the right to vote to justify the wholesale reduction which is proposed by Mr. Crumpacker's bill.

"If the Amendment should be declared constitutional, and honestly enforced, all colored voters who could read and write would be entitled to vote, which would enable at least 40,000 of the colored race to exercise the elective franchise. The bill provides that our representation shall be reduced to five members, and be is in this respect manifestly unjust.

"This bill is also in the nature of a confession that the Government of the United States does not possess sufficient power to protect its citizens in the enjoyment of their constitutional rights, and is a practical endorsement of the conduct of those who seek to nullify the 15th amendment."

Mr. Crumpacker must have had a particular spite against North Carolina, for he proposes to reduce her representation by lopping off four Representatives, whereas under the constitutional amendment not more than 40,000 voters would be disfranchised, and these only temporarily, if they saw fit to qualify themselves. Being deprived of four representatives for 40,000 voters would be pretty steep. But there are sufficient indications that Mr. Crumpacker's bill doesn't stand a ghost of a showing.

A man died in the Maine penitentiary the other day after forty-three years imprisonment for the murder of his wife. He was convicted upon purely circumstantial evidence, protested his innocence all along, and when dying solemnly declared that he did not kill his wife. And now the good people feel sorry that he didn't kill her, for they are afraid they got the wrong man.

THE GIST OF THE SUBSIDY AGITATION.

The following, which we clip from the New York *Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin*, gives the gist of the subsidy scheme in brief;

"Our Washington correspondent touches the vital point in the whole controversy over steamship subsidies when he says that opponents of the bill attach importance 'to the decline in the rate of earnings upon capital. They regard the modest return of perhaps 3 per cent., which Englishmen have been willing to accept upon investments, while Americans were expecting 6 or 7 per cent., as one the vital reasons why American capital did not turn to the building and operation of ships.' Here is the story of American maritime decadence, as it is called, in a nutshell. Some vessel property has been very profitable. On the whole, wages and profits at sea have been less than Americans have been accustomed to. With increasing capital and diminishing opportunities for the exploitation of natural resources, American capitalists have been turning more and more to the sea, but they desire the Government to guarantee the rates of profit that they were accustomed to while developing the opportunities our national domain afforded."

One of the reasons why American capital was taken out of ships and put into other enterprises was because other enterprises made better returns, and now when the field has been pretty well covered and a disposition is shown too again invest capital in shipping the subsidy boomers come forward and propose to distribute $9,000,000 a year among the men who were turning to the sea as a good field for investment of their money. In other words they propose to give these subsidies to encourage what would be desired without them.

But as it is the people's money they propose to give away they feel that they can offered to be not only liberal but extravagant. If it was their own money they would take a different view of it.

According to the census returns for France the births in 1899 were 847,629, 10,000 less than the average for the decade. There were but 31,394 more births than deaths. How can such a country expect to hold its own against other countries which are increasing steadily in population?

Gen. DeWet is the problem that puzzles the Britishers. They don't understand how he can jump on their crack regiments and wallop them so, nor where he gets his food, ammunition and information.

TWINKLINGS.

— Grace—"And you say that during all the terrible suspense she never lost color?" Nell—"Yes; she couldn't have lost it without washing her face."—*Syracuse Herald.*

— Only Chance He Hae: Mrs. C.—"It was very rude of you to yawn while we were making that call." Mr. C.—Well, good gracious! I had to open mouth some time!"—*Tit Bits.*

— "I choost vant to sell you a visk broom or a tuster, or—" "Oh, I'm busy!" "Vell, it von't take a minute—unless you vant to beat down der price!"—*Puck.*

— "Didn't it make Mr. Stuyvesant mad to have Mr. Peterby give Miss Bensonhurst a canary bird?" "Well, if it did, he never showed it. He simply hurried up and bought her a cat."—*Brooklyn Eagle.*

— Unkind Insinuation: "Mr. Homewood proposed to me last night," said Miss Northside to her dearest girl friend, Miss Manchester. "He lost an election bet, I suppose," was the latter's comment.—*Pittsburg Chronicle Telegraph.*

— Reliably steady: Mrs. Mildly —"Mrs. McFadden. your neighbor, Patrick O'Donnel, has applied to our society for work. Is he a steady man?" Mrs. McFadden—"Steady! Whist, ma'am! If he was any steadier, he'd be dead."—*Harpers' Bazaar.*

— Mrs. Crimsonbeak—"I see by this paper that some statistician discovered that the average woman carries forty to sixty miles of hair on her head." Mr Crimsonbeak—"And then she makes trouble if her husband happens to carry a couple yards of it on his coat sleeve."—*Ohio State Journal.*

— Freddy—"I'll have to remove the price tag from this present I've bought for Miss Van Dusen. It says '$8, marked down to $6.50.'" Percy—'Better leave it on, old chap. By the time she takes it back to price it, it will be marked down to $3.75."—*Judge.*

— Mildred—"The Count proposed to me last night." Millicent—"I thought he was cured of that habit. Last week he told me that he was ablaze with a consuming love for me, and papa had to put him out with a household extinguisher."—*Brooklyn Life,*

— Hard Lines—"Well," said he, anxious to patch up their quarrel of yesterday, "aren't you curious to know what is in this package?" "Not very," his wife, still unrelenting, replied indifferently. "It's something for the one I love best in all the world." "Ah! I suppose it's those suspenders you said you needed."—*Philadelphia Press.*

— The Front: The Farmer—"Wal, what's new in teown, anyway?" The Postmaster—"Oh! ain't much doin' in teown. Hear 'bout Lem Saffles gittin' a telegram last week?" The Farmer—"Not Lem?" The Postmaster—"Yes, Lem!" The Farmer—"I want to know. Beats all how the young fellers is forgin' to the front, I declare!"—*Puck.*

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident of which Mr. John Oliver, of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters;' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents, guaranteed, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Laurinburg *Times*: "Peg Leg" Williams was in Laurinburg this week getting up hands to go in the southwest where they are paying 75c a hundred to pick cotton.

— Columbus *News*: Dr. N. A. Thompson, druggist, closed the doors of his drug store at this place last Tuesday for the benefit of his creditors. Assets, $800; liabilities, $1,050.

— Concord *Tribune*: Mrs. Frank H. Mauney, wife of a prominent citizen of Gold Hill, died unexpectedly from heart disease, in the parlor of her home in that place Thursday night.

— Danbury *Reporter*: The Danbury negroes are preparing to re-enfranchise themselves with remarkable assiduity. Schools are running night and day, taught by two negro teachers, and some of the older ones are applying themselves to study during leisure hours.

— Chadbourn *Messenger*: Mr. S. E. Hughes had the misfortune to lose his dwelling and all of its contents by fire Tuesday night. His loss is about $300, with no insurance. Mr. Hughes was away from home and it is very probable that the fire was the work of an incendiary.

— High Point *Enterprise*: Mr. M. J. Wrenn, owner of the High Point Furniture Company plant, is now having erected a large brick building between one of his ware houses and Tate Furniture factory, which he will use for manufacturing purposes as soon as completed. —— Geo. J. Gould arrived here in his private car "Atlanta" Tuesday for a few days hunt. There are four in the party, including two ladies. Mr. Gould has had several thousand acres of hunting land leased near here for two years or more, and this is his first visit.

— Stanley *Enterprise*: On Monday, Rev. W. G. Morton, who lived some three miles southwest of Albemarle, apparently in his usual health, prepared to kill hogs While engaged in this work he threw down the knife he was using and started towards the house. Before reaching the house he fell and was carried in in an unconscious condition. It is thought he was stricken with paralysis. He lived about twelve hours after the first attack. Mr. Morton was a prominent member of the Baptist church, and for several years had been a minister of the Gospel.

— Newbern *Journal*: Several days ago the white man Manning who had previously escaped from the county jail, unexpectedly returned and gave himself up, giving as a reason that he was tired of being subject to pursuit and arrest. At time of his escape he got away in company with another prisoner named Niles who is still at large. Manning seems to have had some other motive besides satisfying a tender conscience, for Friday night he again forsook the sheltering arms of the county jail and took along with him in his flight a fellow prisoner, Alemy Avery. Avery is the man who was arrested near Jasper, November 24th, for attempted assault and was put under $500 bond, in default of which he was sent to jail. The two men escaped by wrenching off the iron the iron bars to the jail window by means of some kind of a lever which they got hold of. Manning is not expected back again as his return might be misconstrued.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— The expenses of the Government, it is noted, are $250,000,000 mare than they were three years ago. That fact, however, does not concern the Republican leaders so much as the question of how to spend the money to the best purpose in the party's interest.—*Charleston News and Courier, Dem.*

—— When the Democrats of Georgia explain that the light vote in that State in the late Presidential election was due to the indifference of colored voters the Administration organs refuse to accept the plea. But they find in indifference an entirely satisfactory explanation of the great decline in the number of Republican votes cast in New England. *Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

—— Lord Roberts' farewell to his troops was in the generous terms characteristic of him as a soldier and a gentleman. They seem also to have the undertone of regret which might be expected of a soldier of high character called upon to sully the laurels of his early years by carrying on a war against a little people struggling for liberty. How different is the spectacle presented by Lord Roberts to-day from that which he showed at the close of his splendid campaign in Afghanistan. There was real glory in the latter. If there is any in the South African record, no impartial observer has been able to discover it.—*Brooklyn Citizen, Dem.*

— The Dear Child—"Oh, Mrs. Bloom, when did you get back?" Mrs. Bloom—"Bless you, dear, I was not away anywhere. What made you think so?" The Dear Child—"I thought you were. I heard my mamma say that you were at Loggerheads with your husband for over a week."—*Tit-Bits.*

— "Is that a thrilling, sensational novel, Dolly?" "Oh, Polly, I was reading it in the street car and got my pocket picked."—*Indianapolis Journal.*

A Thousand Tongues

Could not express the rapture of Annie E. Springer, of 1125 Howard street, Philadelphia, Pa., when she found that Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption had completely cured her of a hacking cough that for many years had made life a burden. All other remedies and doctors could give her no help, but she says of this Royal Cure—"it soon removed the pain in my chest and I can now sleep soundly, something I can scarcely remember doing before. I feel like sounding its praises throughout the Universe." So will every one who tries Dr. King's New Discovery for any trouble of the Throat, Chest or Lungs. Price 50 cents and $1.00. Trial bottles 10c. at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. Every bottle guaranteed. †

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A SONG.

The rose root takes earth's kisses for its meat;
The rose leaf makes its blush from the sun's heat;
The rose scent wakes—who knows from what thing sweet?
Who knows
The secret of the perfume of the rose?

A rose ungathered is but a rose;
Pluck it, lover, don't mind a thorn!
Tuck it away in your bosom clothes
And drink its beauty from night to morn.

Dig, gardener, deep till the earth lips cling tight.
Prune, gardener; keep those blushes to the light.
Then, gardener, sleep. He brings the scent by night.
Who knows
The secret of the perfume of the rose?

Pale, pale are the rose lips, sweet!
Red is the heart of the rose,
But red are the lips mine meet
And your heart white as the snows.
—Flora Annie Steel in New Lippincott.

IN AN AFRICAN HOME.

Natives Will Not Work When They Get a Chance to Play.

The Rev. David A. Carson, a graduate of the Union Missionary Training institute, Brooklyn, gives an interesting picture of his African home:

"My room in a neat little hut of mud and thatch is 12 by 14 feet. The bed is constructed with branches, holes being augered in posts for the sides and ends to be inserted. The support for the grass mattress is of leather thongs laced across both ways, thus holding all secure.

"My chair is the same. The table and washstand are of branches with reed mat tops. There are no boards. The desk is the same, with the inside case of my steamer trunk for a top; very good.

"The windows are of white cloth, tacked to a frame which can be opened right back and fastened to the wall. Hinges for doors and windows are of skin. No mats or rugs are used on the floor, as they harbor insects."

Mr. Carson is a member of the industrial mission of the Phil-African Liberators' league, located at Lincoln, on the west coast. And the following will illustrate the difficulties of teaching the African to work:

"There is practically no routine here. The unexpected most always happens. Her is one day out of many varieties: We rise with the sun, 5:35 a. m., have private devotions from 6 to 6:30, then breakfast, after which the ram's horn is blown for native roll call.

"Our superintendent seats himself outside his house; the associate workers, six of us, stand beside him while he rattles off the names, to which the people shout 'ame'—the personal pronoun I.

"He then asks us how many helpers we need in our various departments. We begin to calculate, and he calls those qualified for certain kinds of work, when there is a terrible barking down in the valley and a shrieking like that of a child.

"Every man with a black or white skin (black always first) runs to investigate, and there is a fine deer at bay with three wild dogs barking at it. They see the rush of people, and, jealous of their prey, pounce on him and tear him limb from limb in a twinkling, so strong are their mouths and shoulders.

"The rush of natives on the poor dead beast is more terrific, it would seem, than that of the dogs. They cut him up, indifferent as to whether they have a rib or a steak or the tail or an ear, then march up the hill, blow up the log fires and feast till all is finished.

"The consequence is, no work that day; a day's pay is gladly forfeited for such a treat."—Presbyterian Banner.

A Fatal Pistol.

The present president of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh told the writer that some years ago a woman was brought into his ward in the infirmary at Edinburgh shot through the head by a bullet from a revolver which some one was examining in a salesroom. She died. Nine years afterward a woman was brought into his ward shot in the chest by a bullet from a revolver which her husband had bought in a salesroom. She recovered, but a judicial inquiry was held. Some days after the inquiry the chief of police entered Dr. Chiene's consulting room and, producing a revolver, said:

"I have something here that will interest you. You said at the inquest that it was a very remarkable coincidence that you should twice have had in your ward a person shot in such an unlikely way. I have looked up the old case, and I find that this pistol which recently wounded a woman is the same one which killed your patient of nine years ago."

Any one with a touch of superstition would be likely to remark that until that pistol has been dropped in the deepest hole in the Pacific ocean it is not safe to enter a salesroom.—"Alexander Hill's Introduction to Science."

London's Great Docks.

St. Katherine docks are famed as an important part of London's great commercial highway. Carlyle refers to them in this expressive paragraph: "This London city, with all its houses, palaces, steam engines, cathedrals and huge immeasurable traffic and tumult, what is it but a thought, but millions of thoughts made into one—a huge immeasurable spirit of a thought, embodied in brick, in iron, smoke, dust, palaces, parliaments, hackney coaches, Katherine docks and the rest of it."

It is said that over 1,200 houses had to be razed and 11,000 inhabitants removed to make room for the construction of the docks, which cost £1,700,000. They were opened for use in 1828 and are now a part of the London docks, the two having been united under one management.

An Old Saw That Is Senseless.

In olden times when a person died it was customary to toll the church bell a certain number of times to indicate whether it was a man, woman or child. For a woman it was tolled three times and for a man thrice three times. The stroke of a bell was called a "teller," and hence it was nine tellers for a man; or, as folks said in those days, "Nine tellers mark a man." This saying, which was continued long after the tolling custom was abolished, finally became converted into the present saying, "Nine tailors make a man," which is devoid of both sense and reason.—Ladies' Home Journal.

Then He Caught It.

"You've been fishing again," said the stern parent. "Suppose you come with me now to the woodshed."

"Father," protested the bright youth, "I hope you intend to make the punishment fit the crime."

"That's my intention."

"Well, father, the crime amounted to two nibbles. I didn't catch a thing."—Philadelphia Press.

The Bearded Vicar.

The vicar of an east London parish was one of the first London clergymen to grow his beard. The then bishop of London wished to stop the practice and, as he was going to confirm in that church, sent his chaplain to the vicar to ask him to shave it off, saying he should otherwise select another church for the confirmation. The vicar replied that he was quite willing to take his candidates to another church and would give out next Sunday the reason for the change. Of course the bishop retracted.—Bishop How's Notebook.

Enlightened.

Professor—I'm grateful for my sense of humor. Thank heaven, I can always see a joke.

Miss Flavilla—Oh, professor, the sense of humor is not ability to see a joke. The sense of humor is ability to take a joke.—Indianapolis Journal.

A Political Boss.

"They say you are merely a political boss," said the candid informant.

"Great Scott!" ejaculated Senator Sorghum. "The irreverence of these moderns is something disheartening. Why, that's all Julius Cæsar was."—Washington Star.

Sailors call a low lying iceberg a growler, and the world would in general suggest something cool were it not for bulldogs and London four wheel cabs, to which it is also applied.

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EATING FOR TWO

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Stmr Seabright, Price, Shallotte, Stone, Rourk & Co.

Br schr Brothers, Kelley, Nassau, N P, Heide & Co.

EXPORTS.

COASTWISE.

NEW YORK—Steamship Oneida—701 bales cotton, 142 casks spirits, 46 bbls rosin, 554 bbls tar, 320 bbls crude, 96,666 feet lumber, 200 bags peanuts, 241 cases cotton goods; vessel by H G Smallbones

FOREIGN.

NASSAU, N P—Br schooner Brothers —291,000 shingles, 75 cypress spars, one suit furniture; valued at $1,341; cargo by B F Keith Company; vessel by Heide & Co.

He Wanted a Drink.

Some years ago Colonel Crisp was in New York, and being in attendance at a certain notable political gathering in Madison Square Garden was called upon for a speech. And did he accept? Well, rather! Running his fingers through his hair, adjusting his vest and pushing up his coat sleeves, he started in to sprinkle eagle feathers all over the stage. Now, the colonel is a stout man and has a thirst in proportion. In the course of his passionate harangue he became very warm and asked that some water be provided. In compliance with the request a diminutive pitcher and dainty little glass were brought and placed before him.

Colonel Crisp looked at it intently for a few moments, and then "What is this?" he thundered.

"W-w-water," timidly answered one of the vice presidents.

"Young man," bellowed the colonel, his nostrils quivering with suppressed rage, "either bring me a bucket and a gourd or lead me to the branch."—Kansas City Independent.

WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT.

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☞ The following quotations represent Wholesale Prices generally. In making up small orders higher prices have to be charged

SAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute	8	@	8¼
Standard	8	@	18½
Burlaps	6	@	6½
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ ℔	12	@	14
Sides ℔ ℔		@	8¾
Shoulders ℔ ℔	8	@	8½
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ ℔	7½	@	8
Shoulders ℔ ℔	7	@	7½
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each		@	1 45
Second-hand machine		@	1 55
New New York, each		@	1 45
New City, each		@	1 45
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	6 75	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ ℔	20	@	25
Northern	27	@	30
CORN MEAL—			
Per bushel, in sacks	52½	@	55
Virginia Meal	52½	@	55
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle		@	1 45
CANDLES—℔ ℔—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	8	@	11
CHEESE—℔ ℔—			
Northern Factory	13	@	14
Dairy Cream	17	@	18
State	11½	@	12
COFFEE—℔ ℔—			
Laguyra	11	@	12½
Rio	9½	@	11
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	5¼
Yarns, ℔ bunch of 5 ℔s		@	70
FISH—			
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ half-bbl.	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ℔ half-bbl.	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	3 75	@	4 00
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel	7 50	@	8 00
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5	@	10
" Extra	4 35	@	4 50
FLOUR—℔ ℔—			
Low grade	3 25	@	3 50
Choice		@	3 75
Straight		@	4 00
First Patent	4 50	@	4 75
GLUE—℔ ℔	10	@	11
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bgs—White	58	@	60
Mixed Corn	55	@	56
Car-load, in bgs—White		@	52½
Oats, from store	35	@	37½
Oats, Rust Proof	40	@	42
Cow Peas		@	65
HIDES—℔ ℔—			
Green salted		@	6
Dry flint	10	@	11
Dry salt	9	@	10
HAY ℔ 100 ℔s			
No 1 Timothy	95	@	1 00
Rice Straw	40	@	50
Eastern	90	@	1 00
Western	90	@	1 00
North River		@	90
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	2½	@	2¾
LARD, ℔ ℔—			
Northern	6¾	@	8¾
North Carolina	9	@	10
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 15	@	1 20
LUMBER (city sawed) ℔ M ft—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board, com'n	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES ℔ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hogshead		@	25
Barbadoes, in barrels		@	28
Porto Rico, in hogsheads	28	@	30
Porto Rico, in barrels	28	@	32
Sugar House, in hogsheads	12	@	14
Sugar House, in barrels	14	@	15
Syrup, in barrels	15	@	25
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut, 60d basis		@	2 40
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess		@	14 50
Rump		@	14 25
Prime		@	14 25
ROPE, ℔ ℔	11	@	22
SALT, ℔ sack, Alum		@	1 25
Liverpool		@	
American	91	@	96
On 125 ℔ Sacks	91	@	96
		@	60
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Gran'd	5¾	@	6
Standard A		@	5¾
White Extra C		@	5½
Extra C, Golden		@	5¼
C Yellow		@	4¾
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	3¾	@	4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	6 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping	9 00	@	9 00
Common mill	4 00	@	5 00
Fair mill	5 00	@	6 00
Prime mill	6 50	@	7 50
Extra mill	8 00	@	9 00
SHINGLES, N.C. Cypress sawed			
℔ M 6x24 heart	4 25	@	5 00
" Sap	3 00	@	3 25
5x20 Heart	2 25	@	2 50
" Sap	1 60	@	1 75
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon Northern	1 00	@	2 10

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET

[Quoted officially at the closing by the Produce Exchange.]

STAR OFFICE, December 17.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market steady at 37 cents per gallon for machine made casks and 36½ cents per gallon for country casks.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1.20 per bbl for strained and $1.25 for good strained.

TAR—Market steady at $1.30@1.40 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market quiet at $1.30 per barrel for hard, $2.30 for dip, and —— for virgin.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine firm at 48½@48c; rosin firm at $1.10@1.15; tar quiet at $1 25; crude turpentine steady at $1.50@$2.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	21
Rosin	277
Tar	635
Crude turpentine	38

Receipts same day last year.—54 casks spirits turpentine, 242 bbls rosin, 557 bbls tar, 51 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market dull on a basis of 9⅜c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	6 15-16	cts. ℔ ℔
Good ordinary	8 5 16	" "
Low middling	8 15-16	" "
Middling	9⅜	" "
Good middling	9 11-16	" "

Same day last year middling steady at 7¼c.

Receipts—634 bales; same day last year, 898.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS — North Carolina — Prime, 70c. Extra prime, 75c per bushel of 28 pounds; fancy, 80c. Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c.

CORN—Firm, 58 to 60 cents per bushel for white.

ROUGH RICE—Lowland (tidewater) 85 cents; upland, 50@60 cents. Quotations on a basis of 45 pounds to the bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 13 to 15c per pound; shoulders, 10 to 11c: sides, 8 to 9c.

EGGS—Firm at 22 cents per dozen.

CHICKENS—Very dull. Grown, 22@25 cents; springs, 12½@20 cents.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25 cents.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½ cents per pound.

TURKEYS—Live, dull at 7 to 8c; dressed, 9 to 11c

SWEET POTATOES—firm at 40 to 45c.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Money on call steady at 4@6 per cent., last loan being at 4 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4¾@5½ per cent. Sterling exchange weak, with actual business in bankers' bills at 484¼ for demand and 480¾@480½ for 60 days. Posted rates 481@481½ and 485@485½. Commercial bills 480@480½. Silver certificates 64@65. Bar silver 64. Mexican dollars 50¼. Government bonds irregular. State bonds steady. Railroad bonds irregular. U. S. refund'g 2's reg'd, 104⅝; U. S. refund'g 2's, coupon, 105⅛; U. S. 2's, reg'd,—; U. S. 3's, reg'd, 110; do. coupon, 110; U. S. new 4's, reg'd, 138¼; do. coupon, 138¼; U. S. 4's, old reg'd 114¾; do. coupon, 115¾; U. S. 5's, reg'd, 113¼; do. coupon, 113¾; Southern Railway 5's 113⅝. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 82; Chesapeake & Ohio 39; Manhattan L 113; N. Y. Central 142¼; Reading 24½; do. 1st pref'd 68½; St. Paul, 132⅝; do. pref'd, 181; Southern Railway 19¼; pref'd 69⅝; American Tobacco, 109¼; do. pref'd 135; People's Gas 99⅝; Sugar 124⅝; do pref'd 115; T. C. & Iron 61⅝; U. S. Leather 14; do. preferred 75¼; Western Union 86⅛. Standard Oil 824@825.

BALTIMORE, December 17.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 10¼; preferred 28⅝. Bond—4's 73⅜c.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Rosin steady. Strained common to good $1 70@1 75. Spirits turpentine quiet.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 17.—Spirits turpentine firm at 37c; sales — casks. Rosin firm and unchanged.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 17.—Spirits turpentine firm at 37½c; sales 680 casks; receipts 765 casks; exports 259 casks. Rosin firm and unchanged; sales 1,837 barrels; receipts 6,370 barrels; exports 386 barrels.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Business in cotton futures to-day was the smallest in recent times, and the trade was quite bent upon placing accounts in shipshape form for the holiday season. Aside from the English market advices and the crop movement there was little upon which new ventures could be based. The opening was easy, with prices down four to thirteen points, under fairly active general selling, urged by disappointment in the cables and the appearance of more cotton at the ports than anticipated. As receipts were large, timid holders sold out, believing a sharp further set-back would occur before the close. But, following the call slight improvement resulted from room covering, and persistent buying for Southern account, the latter said to be against large over sales in the New Orleans market. Soon after the noon hour the market settled decidedly under another spurt of selling from all quarters, which had its incentive large estimates for to-morrow's receipts at New Orleans and Houston, and reports that considerable lines of cotton had been shipped from New Orleans to New York for contract delivery. Trading during the rest of the afternoon was inclined to drag, with neither side striving for supremacy. Wall street houses were moderate sellers all day. Europe sold around the opening, but later bought. The market was finally steady, with prices five to twenty-two points lower.

NEW YORK Dec. 17.—Cotton quiet; middling uplands 10c.

Cotton futures market opened easy: December 9.64; January 9.49, February 9.37, March 9.33, April 9.27; May 9 22, June 9.24, July 9.23, August 8.91, September 8.35, October 8.00.

Cotton futures market closed steady: December 9.55, January 9.41, February 9.28, March 9.25, April 9.20, May 9.16, June 9.13, July 9.11, August 8.90, September 8.33, October 7.95.

Spot cotton closed quiet at ⅛c lower; middling uplands 10c; middling gulf 10¼c; sales 90 bales.

Net receipts 1,284 bales; gross receipts 8,520 bales; stock—not received.

Total to-day—Net receipts 47,309 bales; exports to Great Britain 12,415 bales; exports to the Continent 15,201 bales; stock 914,663 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts 96,158 bales; exports to Great Britain 40,386 bales; exports to France 8,150 bales; exports to the Continent 27,574 bales.

Total since September 1st.—Net receipts 4,057,965 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,510,704 bales; exports to France 320,255 bales; exports to the Continent 1,038,109 bales.

December 17.—Galveston, quiet at 9⅝, net receipts 13,784 bales; Nor[illegible] quiet at 9⅝c, net receipts [illegible] bales; Baltimore, nominal at 10c, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 10⅛c, net receipts 2,434 bales; Wilmington, quiet at 9⅜, net receipts 634 bales; Philadelphia, firm at 10⅜, net receipts 84 bales; Savannah, quiet at 9 5 16c, net receipts 6,552 bales; New Orleans, quiet at 9⅜c, net receipts 18,229 bales; Mobile, quiet at 9¼c, net receipts 863 bales; Memphis, firm at 9⅝, net receipts 7,161 bales; Augusta, steady at 9¾c, net receipts 1,545 bales; Charleston, firm at 9¼c, net [illegible]209 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Flour was again neglected, but manifested rather more steadiness to-day with less pressure to sell. Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red 78c. f. o. b. afloat. Options, during the first half session were weakened by heavy world's shipments, local unloading and easier cables. Subsequently, however, export business and an unexpected decrease in the visible supply invited covering which led to a partial recovery, closed firm at ⅛c net advance. January closed 77½c; March closed 79¼c; May closed 79c; December closed 77½c. Corn—Spot steady; No. 2 45½c at elevator. Options opened easy with wheat, but quickly rallied on the old complaint of poor condition of corn at the West together with fair clearances and a visible supply decrease. Closed strong and ½@⅝c net higher. January closed 44c; May closed 42½c; December closed 45⅜c. Oats—Spot dull; No. 2 27½c. Options steady but neglected by the trade. Pork steady. Lard easy; Western steam $7 40; refined quiet; continent $7 60; South America $8 25; compound 5⅞@6c. Butter unsettled, weak; Western creamery 17@25c; State dairy 16@23; factory 11½@16c. Petroleum dull. Eggs easy; State and Pennsylvania 28@29c at mark, for average lots; Western regular packing 22@26c. Cheese strong; fancy large, fall made 11¼@11½c; small fancy, fall made 11¼@12c. Tallow steady. Rice firm. Potatoes quiet; Jersey $1 00@1 37½; New York $1 25@1 62½; Long Island $1 50@1 75; Jerseys sweets $1 75@2 75. Molasses firm. Cotton seed oil was weak early in the day, closing a shade steadier, with sales of 500 barrels March prime summer yellow at 30½c Prime crude in barrels, 27½c; prime summer yellow 30; off summer yellow 29½c; prime white 34@35; prime winter yellow 36½@37; prime meal $25 00. Coffee—Spot Rio barely steady; No 7 invoice 7c; mild quiet; Cordova 9½@12½c. Sugar—Raw steady; fair refining 3 29 32c; centrifugal, 96 test 4 13 32c; molasses sugar 3 21-32c; refined quiet.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Corn again took precedence on the Board of Trade to day. Anxious shorts forced the price of December up to 39½c in their efforts to cover, and it closed at 39½c, an advance of 2½c. May also advanced ½c. Wheat, weakened by its own governing influences, was steadied by corn and closed unchanged. Oats closed a shade higher, and provisions closed unchanged to 10c lower.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Cash quotations: Flour dull. Wheat—No. 3 spring 65@70½c; No. 2 red 72@74c. Corn—No. 2, 39c. Oats—No. 2 22½@23¾c; No. 2 white 25¼@26c; No. 3 white 24¼@26¼c. Pork, per barrel, $11 12½@11 25. Lard, per 100 lbs, $7 05@7 10 Short rib sides, loose, $6 25@6 50. Dry salted shoulders, $5 87½@6 12½. Short clear sides, boxed $6 60@7 70. Whiskey—Distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1 27.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 December 69¼, 70@70½, 69⅝, 70@70½c; January 70@70⅛, 70½@70⅝, 70, 70½@70⅝; May 72¾@73, 73¼@73⅜, 72⅝@72¾, 73¼c. Corn—December 37¾, 39¼, 37⅜, 39½; January 35¼, 36¼, 35¼, 36⅛¼; May 35¾@35⅞, 36¼, 35⅝@35⅞, 36¼c. Oats—December 21½, 21½, 21¼, 21½; May 23⅝, 23¼, 23½, 23⅝@23¾. Pork, per bbl—January $12 17½, 12 20, 12 12½, 12 15; May $12 07½, 12 10, 11 22½, 12 07½. Lard, per 100 lbs.—December $7 05, 7 10, 7 05, 7 07½; January $6 95, 6 87½, 6 85, 6 85; May $6 90, 6 92½, 6 90, 6 90. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January $6 22½, 6 25, 6 20, 6 25; May $6 30, 6 32½, 6 30, 6 32½c.

FOREIGN MARKET.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, December 17, 4 P. M.—Cotton—Spot quiet; prices 1-32d lower; American middling fair, 5 25 32d; good middling 5 15 32d; middling 5⅜d; low middling 5 3-16d; good ordinary 4 15-16d; ordinary 4 11 16d. The sales of the day were 6,000 bales, of which 500 bales were for speculation and export and included 5,600 bales American. Receipts 16,000 bales, including 12 100 American.

Futures opened quiet and closed quiet. American middling (l. m. c.) December 5 18-64d buyer; December and January 5 16-64d seller; January and February 5 14-64d seller; February and March 5 11 64d buyer; March and April 5 6-64d seller; April and May 5 6-64@5 7-64d buyer; May and June 5 4 64@5 5 64d seller; June and July 5 2 64d seller; July and August 4 63 64@5d seller; August and September 4 50 64d sellers.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 18, 1900.

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Percy and Lilly, 479 tons, Anderson, George Harriss, Son & Co.

Robert A Snyder, 358 tons, Outten, Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co.

Jno R Fell, 318 tons, Loveland, George Harriss, Son & Co.

Kingswood, (Nor) 1,209 tons, Hansen, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

J R Bodwell, 174 tons, Quinlan, George Harriss, Son & Co.

Mabel Darling, (Br), 111 tons, Roberts, George Harriss, Son & Co

STEAMSHIPS.

Oaklands, (Br), 1,252 tons, Granger, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

BARQUES.

Restituta Madre, 567 tons, Asterity, Heide & Co.

Chas Loring, 525 tons, Blatchford, George Harriss, Son & Co.

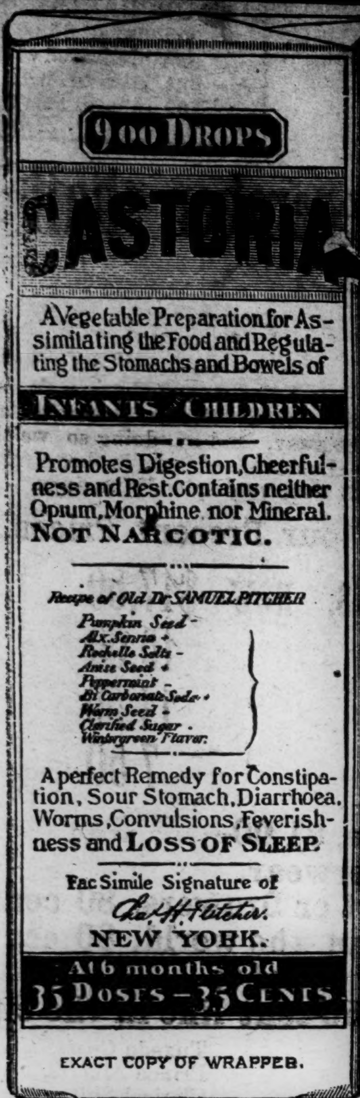
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Occasionally we see in public prints that certain forgeries are so skillfully executed that even the owner of the name cannot tell whether his signature is forged or genuine. This is considered by some as indicating extraordinary skill on the part of the forger and also that an expert's opinion in such a case must be of no value, since the owner of the name doesn't know his own handwriting. But there is nothing unusual about either the skill displayed or the occurrence. Writers themselves are usually unacquainted with those telltale minor characteristics which form the basis of an expert's opinion.

The writer was a witness in a case some years ago in which some bankers and others were testifying as experts on the other side. As they claimed to be able to identify offhand the signature of the plaintiff the writer had the plaintiff write his own name several times, leaving spaces between. In these spaces the writer forged the plaintiff's name. In less than ten minutes the attorney asked the plaintiff which were his and which were forged—so that the opposing experts might be properly cross examined—and the plaintiff, who but a few minutes before had watched the writer forge his name, was unable to pick out his own signatures, with the ink on them scarcely dry.

So much for knowing one's own handwriting.

The stories of many cases in the solving of which handwriting has played a prominent part read like romances.

A few years ago a committee from a church brought to the office of the writer several letters written and mailed on different dates from various cities calling the pastor of their church to fields of greater usefulness—at larger salaries—each letter offering a few hundred dollars more than the preceding one. Upon the receipt of each call a committee meeting was held and the pastor's salary raised to meet the offer of the call. The fourth call within a year caused the committee to decide that they had reached their limit and also aroused suspicion. When the documents were brought to the writer's office, two questions were asked—first, are or are not the four letters in one handwriting, and, second, are they in the handwriting of the person who wrote the standards (afterward admitted to be the pastor)? It was decided that all four "calls" were written by the same person and he the pastor. It was decided to let him take the last call.

Billy Woodward, alias "Big Hawley," the prince of gamblers and blackmailers, who boasted on the witness stand that he was "37 years old and had been arrested 37 times, but never convicted once," was convicted that time—the thirty-eighth—and by his handwriting. This conviction was for blackmail in endeavoring to frighten a wealthy and honorable gentleman into paying $100,000. Woodward always "played for large stakes," as he expressed it. He admitted that in three months he cheated his victims of over $1,000,000. Arrested time and time again, he wriggled out of the clutches of the law by various means—once on an alibi, proving that he was in jail in one town on the day he was charged with a robbery in another city.

Several years ago the New York courts brought to light a story which equaled in interest the tales of Dumas, Scott and Stevenson. A Boston newspaper writer and art critic of prominence and family, owing to the alleged discovery that he was using his paper to bull and bear the stocks in which he himself was speculating at the same time, left Boston in 1854. He took with him $70,000 which another man claimed and quietly established himself in New York.

By investment and speculation this snug fortune grew to $1,000,000 or more. Yet no one in New York knew that the "Miser," as he was called, possessed enough to buy even the cheapest Bowery meal. He would hang around restaurants and eat scraps and leavings. Clothes he never bought and was always clad in filthy rags. His one absorbing passion was music, and it was the one thing for which he would spend money. He would beg admission and try to induce well dressed auditors to pay his way in, but if these schemes failed, as a last resort, he would pay for the cheapest seat in the house.

One cold day in the middle of December, 1885, the "Miser" was run over by a cab. When he was taken to the hospital, it was found that he had no underwear, no shirt, no vest, only the ragged coat that he had worn for 20 years. He begged to be taken "home." And such a home—a squalid garret! Here he died a few days later.

A lawyer produced an old power of attorney given him by the "Miser." It was a document which gave absolute power to the attorney. This attorney claimed that the deceased had promised to leave all of his property to his "dearest friend," naming the lawyer. He had witnesses to prove this, and claimed that the old miser's trunk had been rifled and a will leaving the property to him (the lawyer) stolen.

A friend of the deceased remembered the "Miser" had left a bundle of papers, tied up in a large red bandanna handkerchief, in his care nearly 20 years before. The package was taken from the safe, opened and found to contain nearly $400,000. The Metropolitan bank informed the authorities that it held $40,000 more in the same name which had been idle nearly 20 years. A large amount in ready cash was found in the hair covered trunk in the attic. It is not too much to suppose that he was worth from $1,000,000 to $2,000,000 when he died.

Upon this discovery the lawyer redoubled his efforts, and the power of attorney was mainly relied on to prove his contentions. An expert examination of the document brought to light that several lines had been added to it after it had been signed, and those added lines made it limited instead of unlimited, as it read originally. The handwriting and ink in the added lines were different from the originals, and in some places the added writing overlapped the signature, thus proving that this writing was made after the signature. The expert proof was so clear that the claimant lost his case, and the property went to the heirs.—William J. Kinsley in Saturday Evening Post.

The Hat and the Title.

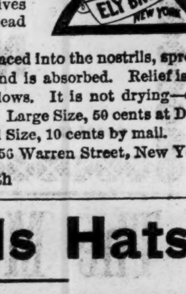
There is an amusing English definition of "gentleman." It is "A man who wears a silk hat, and if he has no other title insists upon having 'Esq.' added to his name when letters are addressed to him."

The west end Londoner of social pretensions accepts this definition in practice. Summer and winter, in rain or shine, he wears a high silk hat in the streets of London and carries it into the drawing room when he pays an afternoon call. It is only when he takes a train for the provinces or for the continent that he ventures to use more comfortable headgear.

He also expects to have the distinction of "esquire" when a letter is addressed to him and is highly offended if he finds on the envelope the prefix "Mr." As a matter of fact the number of English gentlemen who are legally entitled to the mediæval honors of "esquire" is insignificant. It is a self assumed title which signifies nothing that is substantial in rank or privilege.

In common use in London "esquire" simply means that the person so addressed does not choose to be associated with tradesmen and ordinary working people and that he is a "gentleman" who invariably wears a silk hat.—Youth's Companion.

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"I thought you didn't like Borus' style."

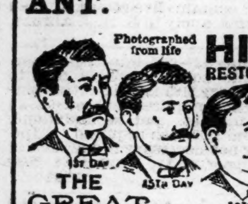
"I don't."

"What did you read his book for?"

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A Famous Prison.

The celebrated Mamertine prison furnishes an important scene in Sienkiewicz's story, "Quo Vadis." It is located on the slope of the Capitoline, in Rome, and, according to tradition, it was begun by Ancus Martius and later enlarged by Servius Tullius. Jugurtha is said to have been starved to death here, the accomplices of Catiline strangled by command of Cicero and Sejanus, the minister and favorite of Tiberius, executed. Church tradition has consecrated this prison as the place where St. Peter and St. Paul were confined by order of Nero. Historian Hillard says of it:

"The Mamertine prison is a hideous vault divided into an upper and lower portion scooped out of the solid rock and lined with massive blocks in the Etruscan style of architecture. A more heartbreaking place of confinement it is not easy to imagine. According to the traditions of the church, St. Peter was imprisoned here by order of Nero, and the pillar to which he was bound and a fountain which sprang up miraculously to furnish the water of baptism to his jailers, whom he converted, are shown to the visitor. There is no reason to doubt that Jugurtha was starved to death in these pitiless vaults. Here, too, the companions of Catiline were strangled. It is a curious fact that the chances of literature and history should have carved two such names as those of Sallust and Cicero on these Cyclopean walls."

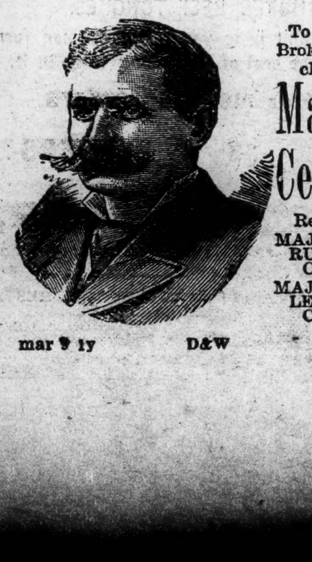
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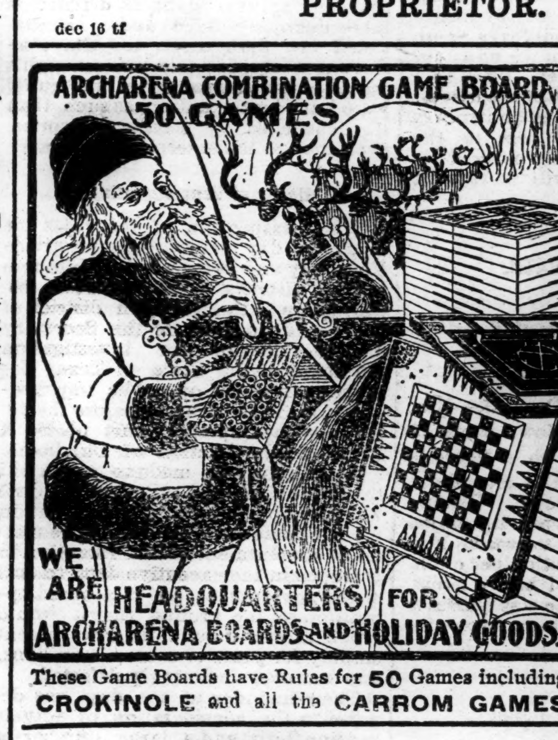
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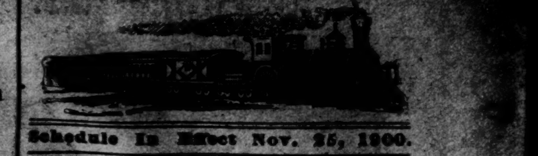
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DAILY 7.00 P. M. — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.30 P. M., Warsaw 8.43 P. M., Goldsboro 9.37 P. M., Wilson 10.30 P. M., †Tarboro 6.46 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.23 P. M., Weldon 1.00 A. M., †Norfolk 10.25 A. M., Petersburg 2.37 A. M., Richmond 3.22 A. M., Washington 7.01 A. M., Baltimore 8.20 A. M., Philadelphia 10.35 A. M., New York 1.03 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M.

DAILY except Sunday 2.25 P. M. — No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.13 P. M., Newbern 5.40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 3.45 P. M. — No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.58 P. M., Chadbourn 5 30 P. M., Marion 6.40 P. M., Florence 7.25 P. M., Sumter 9 12 P. M., Columbia 10 35 P. M., Denmark 5.55 A. M., Augusta 7.55 A. M., Macon 11.15 A. M., Atlanta 12.35 P. M., Charleston 10.55 P. M., Savannah 2 45 A. M., Jacksonville 8.30 A. M., St. Augustine 11.10 A. M., Tampa 6.45 P. M.

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DAILY 9.00 A. M. — No. 53—Passenger—Due Fayetteville 12 05 P.M., leaves Fayetteville 12.20 P. M., arrives Sanford 1.43 P. M.

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DAILY 6.00 P. M. — No. 49—Passenger—Leave Boston †1.03 P. M., New York *9.25 P. M., Philadelphia 12.20 A. M., Baltimore 2.55 A. M., Washington 4.30 A. M., Richmond 9.05 A. M., Petersburg 9.48 A. M., Norfolk 9.00 A. M., Weldon 11.50 A. M., Tarboro 12.21 P. M. Rocky Mount 12.52 P. M., Wilson 2.40 P. M., Goldsboro 3.30 P. M., Warsaw 4.22 P. M., Magnolia 4.35 P. M.

DAILY 9.20 A. M. — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 8 55 A. M., Philadelphia 11.33 A. M., Baltimore 1.46 P. M., Washington 3.12 P. M., Richmond 6.50 P. M., Petersburg 7.25 P. M., †Norfolk 2.20 P. M., Weldon 9.05 P. M., †Tarboro 6.00 P. M., Rocky Mount 5.15 A. M., Leave Wilson 5 57 A. M., Goldsboro 6.45 A. M., Warsaw 7.38 A. M., Magnolia 7.51 A. M.

DAILY except Sunday 12.15 P. M. — No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9.00 A. M., Jacksonville 10.22 A. M.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.25 P. M. — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 9.50 A. M., Sanford 2.20 P. M., Jacksonville 8.00 P. M., Savannah 1.30 A. M., Charleston 6.48 A. M., Atlanta 7.50 A. M. Macon 9.00 A. M., Augusta 2.30 P. M., Denmark 4.29 P. M., Columbia 6.40 A. M., Sumter 8.05 P. M., Florence 9.55 A. M., Marion 10.35 A. M., Chadbourn 11.41 A. M., Lake Waccamaw 12.12 P. M.

EAST BOUND.

DAILY 7.25 P. M. — No. 52—Passenger—Leave Sanford 3.05 P. M., arrive Fayetteville 4.20 P. M., leave Fayetteville 4.30 P. M.

:Daily except Sunday.

Bennettsville Branch—Train leaves Bennettsville 8.05 A. M. Maxton 9.15 A. M., Red Springs 9.51 A. M., Hope Mills 10.55 A. M., arrive Fayetteville 11.10 A. M. Returning leaves Fayetteville 4.45 P. M., Hope Mills 5.00 P. M., Red Springs 5.43 P. M., Maxton 6.12 P. M., arrives Bennettsville 7.15 P. M.

Connections at Fayetteville with No. 78, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore Railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line and Southern Railway, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad.

Train between Rocky Mount and Richmond leaves Rocky Mount 7.15 A. M., arrive Weldon 8.17 A. M., arrive Petersburg 10 18 A. M., arrives Richmond 11.10 A. M.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3.55 P. M., Halifax 4.17 P. M.; arrive Scotland Neck 5.08 P. M., Greenville 6.57 P. M., Kinston 7.55 P. M. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.50 A. M., Greenville 8.52 A. M.; arriving Halifax at 11.18 A. m., Weldon 11.33 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.10 A. M. and 2.30 P. M.; arrive Parmele 9.10 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.; returning leaves Parmele 9.35 A. M. and 6.30 P. M.; arrives Washington 11 00 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Daily except Sunday

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 P. M.; Sunday, 4.15 P. M.; arrives Plymouth 7.40 P. M. and 6.10 P. M. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7 50 A. M. and Sunday 9.00 A. M.; arrive Tarboro 10.10 A. M. and 11.00 A. M.

Trains leave Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.00 A. M.; arrives Smithfield, N. C., 6.10 A. M. Returning leaves Smithfield 7.00 A. M.; arrives Goldsboro 8.25 A. M.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 9.30 A. M., 3.40 P. M.; arrives Nashville 10.20 A. M., 4.03 P. M., Spring Hope 11.00 A. M., 4.25 P. M. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 11.20 A. M., 4.55 P. M., Nashville 11.45 A. M.; 5.25 P. M., arrives at Rocky Mount 12.10 A. M. 6.00 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leaves Warsaw for Clinton, daily, except Sunday, 11.40 A. M. and 4.25 P. M. Returning, leaves Clinton 6 45 A. M. and 2.50 P. M.

Train leaves Pee Dee 10.13 A. M., arrive Latta 10.31 A. M., Dillon 10.42 A. M., Rowland 10.58 A M. Returning, leaves Rowland 6.06 P. M.; arrives Dillon 6.28 P. M., Latta 6.42 P. M., Pee Dee 7.06 P. M., daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Boardman at 3.00 P. M., Chadbourn 5.35 P. M.; arrive Conway 7.40 P. M.; leave Conway 8.15 A. M., Chadbourn 11.50 A. M.; arrive Boardman 12.25 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains leave Sumter 5.35 P. M., Manning 6.04 P. M.; arrive Lane's 6.43 P. M.; leave Lane's 8.34 A. M., Manning 9.09 A. M.; arrive Sumter 9.40 A. M. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lane's 8.40 A. M., †7.40 P. M.; arrive Georgetown 10.00 M., 9.00 P. M.; leave Georgetown 6 30 A. M.; †4.15 P. M.; arrive Lane's 8.00 A. M.; †5.35 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains leave Florence daily except Sunday at 9.50 A. M.; arrive Darlington 10.15 A. M., Hartsville 9.15 P. M., Cheraw 11.30 A. M., Wadesboro 12.35 P. M.; leave Florence daily except Sunday at 7.00 P.M.; arrive Darlington 8.25 P. M., Bennettsville 9.22 P. M., Gibson 10.20 P. M. Leave Florence Sunday only 9.50 A. M., arrive Darlington 10.15 A. M.

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Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 1.59 P. M., 10.40 P. M., arrive Selma 2.40 P. M., 11.18 P. M., Smithfield 3.02 P. M., Dunn 3.40 P. M., Fayetteville 4.25 P. M., 12.39 A. M., Rowland 6.06 P. M., returning leave Rowland 10.58 A. M., Fayetteville 12.20 P. M., 10.22 P. M., Dunn 1.04 P. M., Smithfield 1.43 P. M. Selma 1.50 P. M., 11.35 P. M., arrive Wilson 2.35 P. M., 12.13 A. M.

Trains leave Sumter 4.05 A. M., Creston 4.54 A. M., arrive Denmark 5.55 A. M. Returning, leave Denmark 4.29 P. M., Creston 5.22 P. M., Sumter 6.24 P. M. Daily.

Trains leave Creston 5.45 A. M., arrive Pregnalls 9.15 A. M. Returning, leave Pregnalls 10.00 A. M., arrive Creston 3.50 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains leave Elliott 10.35 A. M., and arrive Lucknow 12.15 P. M. Returning, leave Lucknow 1.50 P. M., arrive Elliotts 3.30 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

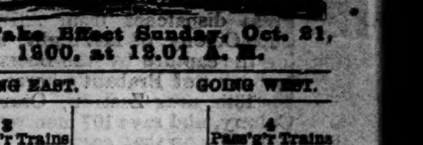
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3 Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	3 Pass'g'r Trains Leave	STATIONS.	4 Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	4 Pass'g'r Trains Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
....	3 40	Goldsboro........	11 35	....
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Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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IMPORTANT CASES IN U. S. SUPREME COURT.

The Court's Decision Expected to Fix the Status of Porto Rico and the Philippine Islands.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

WASHINGTON, December 17.—In the United States Supreme Court to day argument was begun in two cases, the decision of which is expected to fix the status of Porto Rico and the Philippine islands and other insular possessions acquired through the war with Spain with respect to the United States proper; to say whether their people are citizens, and to indicate whether the constitution follows the flag.

One of the cases is that of John H Goetze, who in June, 1899, imported from Porto Rico a quantity of leaf tobacco into the United States through the port of New York and protested against the assessment of duty on the importation, claiming that the tobacco was not subject to duty because "Porto Rico at the time of the importation was not a foreign country, and because, therefore, the imposition of duties on goods brought from a place within the territory of the United States into a port of the United States is not lawful and valid under the constitution."

The collector of the port and the board of general appraisers both ruled against him, as did the United States Circuit Court for the Southern District of New York.

The other case is known as "the fourteen diamond ring case."

The claimant, Manuel Repke, a United States soldier in the Philippines, acquired the rings in question and brought them into the United States without paying duty upon them, some time in the year 1899, between July 31st and September 25th. The rings were seized on May 18th, 1900, at Chicago by a United States customs officer as merchandise liable to duty which should have been invoiced and was fraudulently imported The claimant contends that at the time he acquired the property Luzon was a part of the territory of the United States and that the seizure was contrary to the claimant's right as a citizen, particularly under section 2, Article IV, of the Constitution and he insisted that under Article I, section 8, Congress requires uniformity of all taxes and duties throughout the United States. The district court gave judgment of forfeiture for the government and the case came here on a writ of error.

When the cases were called to-day they were combined by mutual consent of counsel and each side was given five hours for argument.

OVER A HUNDRED LIVES LOST

The German Training Frigate Gneisenau Foundered in a Gale Off the Port of Malaga.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

MADRID, December 16.—The German training frigate Gneisenau has foundered off Malaga where she was about to take refuge from the terrible storm prevailing. At the present time only the masts of the vessel are visible. A large number of the cadets can be seen from the shore clinging to the rigging. They are shouting and signaling for help. The captain and many of the cadets have been drowned. It is belived that 40 who left in one of the ship's boats and have not been seen since, are also lost.

BERLIN, December 17.—An official dispatch from Malaga received here this morning accounts for 314 survivors out of the 450 persons who were on board the German training frigate Gneisenau, which foundered at the entrance to the port of Malaga, yesterday.

MALAGA, Dec. 17.—It is rumored that the commander of the Gneisenau committed suicide when he saw all was lost. A nephew of the Imperial Chancellor, Count Von Buelow, named Berndt, was among the saved, though he was injured about the head. A sailor who survived the wreck went mad as a result of his experience. The first engineer, the assistant engineer and a number of petty officers were drowned. It is hoped that the guns, the treasure chest, and perhaps part of the hull will be salvaged.

Of the 314 survivors, thirty-nine, who were injured, were transported to the local hospital, 125 sheltered in the barracks, and 150 lodged in the town hall. The municipality is providing food for all.

ANOTHER SEVERE BATTLE.

British Claim a Victory After a Fight Lasting Several Hours—The Boers Lost Heavily.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, December 17, 5:10 P. M.—The report of another severe battle, resulting in a British victory, is current here. According to the story the fighting began at daybreak to day and lasted for several hours. The Boers, who numbered from 1,500 to 2,000 men, were surrounded at the Orange river, and totally defeated with very heavy losses in killed and wounded. A number of Boers, it is added, were captured.

CAPE TOWN, December 17.—Seven hundred Boers have crossed from Orange river colony into Cape Colony near Aliwalnorth and have reached Kaapdaal.

LONDON, December 17.—General Kitchener in a dispatch received by the war office, confirms the Associated Press dispatches from Aliwalnorth, Cape Colony, of last night, announcing the capture by the Boers of a detachment of Brabant's horse, December 13th, near Zastron, Orange River Colony, and says 107 men were made prisoners on that occasion.

For Croup use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT. †

The taking of testimony in the case of Oscar L. Booz, the West Point cadet who died two weeks ago from injuries which his parents allege were inflicted at the West Point Military Academy, was begun yesterday by the board of inquiry appointed by the Secretary of War.

Editor's Awful Plight.

F. M. Higgins, Editor Seneca (Ills.) *News*, was afflicted for years with Piles that no doctor or remedy helped until he tried Bucklen's Arnica Salve. He writes two boxes wholly cured him. It's the surest Pile cure on earth and the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25 cents. Sold by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

NEGROES LYNCHED BY INDIANA MOBS.

Two Murderers Taken from the Jail at Rockport and Hanged.

HAD KILLED A WHITE MAN.

Another Negro Lynched at Booneville. State Troops Called Out—Authorities Fear That a Race War May Result from Trouble.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

INDIANAPOLIS, December 16.—A special to the *Sentinel* from Rockport, Ind., says: Two negroes, Jim Henderson and Bud Rowlands, who waylaid, brutally murdered and robbed Hollis Simons, a white barber, early this morning, were lynched in the jail yard by a mob of 1,000 frenzied citizens to night. The negroes were arrested early and although Rowlands' clothing had blood stains on it, the men claimed they were innocent of the crime. In the meantime, Sheriff Clements, of Union county, Ky., arrived with a trained bloodhound in response to a telegraphic summons. When the dog was placed on the trail he followed it until he reached the house where the Rowlands live, six blocks from the scene of the murder, and went baying to the bed where the negro had been. This was enough for the excited citizens. Within a few minutes a mob of a thousand howling, blood thirsty citizens, with sledge hammers and ropes and guns, were running to the jail. Sheriff Anderson and his two deputies made a stand and attempted to protect the prisoners. The officers were seized by the leaders of the mob, who disarmed them. The sheriff was then locked in a room and placed under guard, but he stoutly refused to give up the keys or tell where the prisoners were hidden. Failing to get the keys, the mob made a determined but unsuccessful attempt to break in the jail door. By this time the would be lynchers were in a perfect frenzy, and securing a telegraph pole they used it as a battering ram, and caved in the side wall of the jail The door of Rowland's cell was then with sledges quickly broken in and he was dragged from the jail to the east side of the court yard, where a noose was put around his neck. He was given time to make a statement in which he implicated Jim Henderson and another negro. Rowlands then piteously begged for mercy, but the mob swiftly swung the self confessed murderer to a tree and riddled his body with bullets.

Leaving the body of Rowlands dangling from the limb of the tree, the mob rushed back to the jail and attempted to burst open the cell occupied by Henderson, but before the steel bars yielded to the blows of the sledges, some one in the crowd fired upon the terrified negro as he crouched in the corner of his cell. A few moments more and the door of the sell was broken in. The negro, more dead than alive, was dragged at a rope's end to the court house yard and swung on the tree beside the body of Rowlands.

Firing a parting volley at the swinging bodies, the mob, eager for another victim, hurried away to catch the other negro implicated by Rowlands in his confession. He was found at a hotel, where he was employed as a porter. The negro escaped to the roof of the building and Manager DeBrule succeeded in convincing the mob that the porter had nothing to do with the crime, proving an alibi for him. The mob then dispersed apparently satisfied with its awful work of vengeance.

Another Lynching.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Dec. 17.—Governor Mount was advised to night by the sheriff of Spencer county that a mob of six hundred had started from Rockport to Booneville, with the intention of lynching Joe Rolla and another negro arrested for complicity in the murder of Hollis Simons, Saturday night. He also notified the Governor that the local authorities would be powerless to resist the mob and that a military company be sent at once to the scene. Instructions were immediately issued to put Company E, located at Evansville, under arms as expeditiously as possible. A special train was ordered to be in readiness as soon as the Booneville authorities asked for assistance. It was feared, however, that the mob would reach Booneville ahead of the soldiers State officials were in consultation with the Governor for several hours late to night and he was kept closely advised of the situation.

Fear a Race War.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Dec. 17.—Governor Mount, to night, ordered a militia company from Evansville to Booneville, Ind., to which point a Rockport mob is marching with the avowed intention of lynching two negro murderers. The State authorities fear a race war, as the blacks in the vicinity of Rockport and Booneville are highly excited and aggressive.

OWENSBORO, IND., Demember 17.—John Rolla, who was lynched to-night at Booneville, was implicated by Rowlands, one of the negroes lynched last night at Rockport, but denied his guilt. He told conflicting stories but it was learned that he was away from Verandah hotel, where he worked, about the time Simons was murdered. Confronted with this evidence, Rolla weakened and confessed his share in the crime, admitting that he struck the first blow and that the other two negroes helped him to kill Simons.

BOONEVILLE, IND, Dec. 17.—John Rolla, the third of the colored men implicated in the murder of Hollis Simmons, was hung to a tree in the court house yard by a mob of about one hundred men from Rockport this evening. Two of his companions were lynched at Rockport last night for the same crime. Not a shot was fired and everything was conducted as quietly as if the execution had been under the sanction of the law.

Rolla was brought to this place this afternoon about 3 o'clock in charge of Sheriff Anderson, of Rockport. Upon his arrival he was placed in a cell on the second floor of the jail and his presence was known only to a few citizens.

A few minutes after six o'clock a body of one hundred men marched through the principal street to the jail and demanded that the prisoner be turned over to it. Deputy Sheriff Raymond Cherry was in charge of the jail. He declined to give up the keys and the mob at once began to batter in the wall of the jail with a telegraph pole. Six members of the mob crawled through the hole and with sledge hammers broke down the door at Rolla's cell, and soon the thoroughly terrified negro was in the hands of the men, who placed a rope around his neck. All left, crawling again through the hole by which they had entered, dragging the negro after them.

A few minutes was consumed in the march to the court house yard, the rope was thrown over the limb of a tree and a hundred hands sent his body flying into the air. The loose end of the rope was tied to a tree and as soon as the mob was sure that its work had been completed it left in as orderly a manner as it had entered the town.

None of the mob wore masks and all the men, apparently from every station in life, took part in the lynching. Except for the excited groups of men standing on the street corners a stranger would have known nothing of the tragedy that had just been enacted.

A HITCH IN PROGRESS OF NEGOTIATIONS.

British Government Demands a Modification of a Point in the Joint Note to the Chinese.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

PEKIN, December 16.—Definite instructions supplementing yesterday's communication from London, have been received by Sir Ernest Mason Satow, the British minister, and he now demands a modification of a point in the joint note which the foreign envoys generally regard as important. This means further delay, as all the ministers must communicate anew with their respective governments. Just what is the nature of the objection raised by Great Britain, the ministers decline to say, but they admit that the new demand will involve a good deal more diplomatic procedure.

LONDON, December 17. — "Great Britain has instructed Sir Ernest Satow, I understand," says the Pekin correspondent of the *Daily Mail*, wiring Sunday, "to urge the retention in the joint note of the word 'irrevocable,' and the inclusion in the preamble of the declaration 'that, until the Chinese government has fulfilled the demands of the Powers, Pekin and the province of Chi Li will not be evacuated by the allied troops.'

Supported by Germany.

"It is rumored that Germany is warmly supporting the British proposal, and I believe a majority of the Powers, and possibly all of them, will eventually accept the proposal, which is hailed here with delight."

WASHINGTON, December 17.—A long instruction was sent to Minister Conger this afternoon informing him fully as to his course. He already had been authorized to sign the agreement, and it is said that this fresh instruction will so clear the way of obstacles at Pekin as to make it probable that all of the signatures of the ministers can be affixed at once.

LARGE FIRE AT CLEVELAND.

Big Manufacturing Plants Destroyed. Loss Estimated at Over $600,000. Narrow Escape of Employes.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 17.—Fire early to day almoft entirely destroyed the big plant of the Brown Hoisting and Conveying Machine Company. Five out of seven buildings used by the company are in ashes and property estimated to be worth over $500,000 entirely consumed. Eleven hundred workmen were thrown out of employment, as a result of the fire. The company, which is probaly the largest concern of the kind in the world, has many contracts with the government for hoisting apparatus to be erected at coaling stations throughout the world.

The flames started in the varnish room of the Elwell Parker Electric Company, which occupied a part of one of the Brown company's buildings. The loss to the Elwell-Parker company is about $100,000, covered by insurance. Hundreds of employes were compelled to jump from windows in order to escape with their lives, as a result of the rapid spread of the flames. No one, however, as far as known was seriously injured. The loss to the Brown company is largely covered by insurance. The plant will be re built at once.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Mrs. Frances Harper, an Aged Widow Lady of Newbern, N. C.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEWBERN, N. C., Dec. 17.—Mrs. Frances Harper, a widow, some 70 years of age, met with a horrible death at her home in this city about 2 o'clock this afternoon. Having taken a chill, Mrs. Harper lay down in front of a fireplace to warm herself. While in this position her clothing became ignited and before assistance could reach her she was fearfully burned. She died within a few minutes in great agony.

WARM WIRELETS.

A dispatch from Pekin says Li Hung Chang is suffering from influenza. The dispatch also denies that the Dowager Empress is going to Cheng Tu, province of Sze Chen.

Gus Ruhlin last night, before 4,000 people at the Penn Art Club, Philadelphia, bested Peter Maher in one of the fastest fights between heavy weights that has been seen for some time. The bout was limited to six rounds.

Owing to the recent disturbances among the students of the University of Alabama, caused by certain disciplinary restraint to which they objected, Commandant West has tendered his resignation and left for his home, and President James K. Powers has also sent in his resignation.

A Pekin dispatch says that the Russians have purchased $700,000 worth of rice which is being given to destitute Chinese, General Chaffee, the American commander, is also having a large amount of rice issued, and the other nations are displaying liberality.

H. Clay Armstrong, grand secretary of all Grand Masonic bodies of the State of Alabama, died from heart trouble at Auburn, Ala., last night. Armstrong was consul general at Rio de Janeiro during Cleveland's first administration.

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SECRET SESSION OF THE SENATE.

Nearly the Whole Day Spent in Discussion of the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty.

VOTE TO BE TAKEN THURSDAY

Speeches by Senators Money and Mason. The House Proceedings—Favorable Report Will Be Made on the Reapportionment Bill.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 17.—The Senate was in open session only an hour to day, the remainder of the legislative day being spent in executive session upon the Hay Pauncefote treaty. Senator Chandler, of New Hampshire, created a little flurry by endeavoring again to get up the resolution relating to the Montana Senatorial case. The effort was futile.

Late this afternoon the Senate gave its consent to the fixing of a definite time to vote upon the Hay Pauncefote treaty. Senators Money and Mason had occupied the time of the executive session in making speeches upon the treaty, and when Senator Lodge renewed his request to take a vote next Thursday unanimous agreement was recorded. The understanding is that the voting shall be on the amendment at 3 o'clock, and that the Senate shall continue in session until the first vote on the treaty itself is reached.

Senator Money's speech was a flat protest against the entire proceedings in connection with the treaty. He talked for two hours, contending for the right of the United States to act in this matter independently of other nations. He said, while England demands that the United States should not fortify the proposed isthmian canal, she herself had fortifications which practically control the Suez canal.

Senator Mason spoke in support of his suggested amendment authorizing the United States to defend the canal as it may deem proper in case it constructs the canal. He explained that while seeking to have the treaty amended, he is not seeking to antagonize the administration. Nothing, he said, was further from his thought. He declared that the present instance furnished the first precedent of a great nation being asked in advance to agree not to defend a great public work, the construction of which it is contemplating. He did not consider that Great Britain should undertake to say what we should do in the matter. While he considered that country in the "sere and yellow leaf," he thought that we should deal with it as we would with either the weakest nation or the strongest. In other words, he said, our dealing should be on the plane of justice and the manly assertion of our own rights. Senator Mason said there was and could be no contention over the question of the right of a nation to defend itself and its citizens and property, and he argued that the recognition of this right must enforce concession of the right to make precautionary defence. Not only, he argued, have we the right as a nation to erect fortifications as a means of defence but we have the right according to international usage to enter a neutral or friendly territory and there make assault if need be. He contended that our natural right of defence is more definitely fixed under international law than under the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, and said that our rights would be much stronger if the canal were built by the nation, as such, than if constructed by private enterprise, even though the enterprise be American.

House of Representatives.

Under suspension of the rules the House to-day passed bills to divide Kentucky and West Virginia into two judicial districts, to create another district judge in the Northern district of Ohio, and to refer to the Secretary of the Interior for investigation the claim of the State of Texas for moneys expended on public improvements in Greer county, before the decision of the Supreme Court placed it within the jurisdiction of Oklahoma.

An attempt was made to pass a bill to give soldiers and sailors of the civil war, the Spanish war and the war in the Philippines preference in the matter of appointment to and retention in positions in the executive departments of the government, but it aroused opposition on the ground that it would practically shut out of the government employ for years to come all civilians, and was overwhelmingly defeated.

The remainder of the day was devoted to the consideration of private pension bills and a large number of them was passed.

Just before the House adjourned a fine tribute was paid to Representative Charles A. Boutelle, of Maine, who served eighteen years in Congress and who has been re-elected to the Fifty-seventh Congress.

Reapportionment Bill.

The House Committee on Census, by a vote of seven to six, agreed to report the Hopkins re-apportionment bill, leaving the total membership of the House at 357, as at present, and re arranging a number of State delegations. The bill will not be taken up until after the holidays.

The only change in the bill was an amendment requiring that the several congressional districts of the several States should be composed of "contiguous and compact" territory. The purpose of the amendment is to prevent gerrymandering. Under the bill the following States will lose one representative each: Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Nebraska, Ohio, South Carolina and Virginia.

The following will gain one each: Illinois, Louisiana, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York and West Virginia. Texas will gain two representatives.

Based upon present divisions, neither party will gain advantage from the new reapportionment proposed in the bill. The Republicans will gain five and lose five and the Democrats will gain three and lose three. The basis of representation will be one representative of each 208,868 inhabitants.

FIRE AT NORFOLK NAVY YARD

Destroyed Valuable Records That Cannot Be Replaced and Other Property.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 17.—It is said at the Navy Department that a serious loss has been suffered by the navy in a fire at the Norfolk navy yard yesterday. The money loss is of secondary importance. The fire destroyed valuable records that cannot be replaced and many necessary plans that can only be replaced at much expense in time and money. There were no casualties. An investigation will be made immediately.

The Military Academy appropriation bill as reported to the House carries $699,151, which is $346,598 below the estimates and slightly above the bill of last year.



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Handsome $50 00 Doll will be presented
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Fruit Cake already made up at 25c per lb. Cheaper than you can make it. Let us bake your cakes for Christmas.
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Your Christmas Gifts!
Are they to be of the useful kind, or otherwise? Will you squander lots of money on things that your friends can't use and probably will not appreciate?
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OUR BAKERY HAS BEEN TAXED TO ITS utmost in baking seasonable Cakes, etc., for the holidays. Our new baker from the North can please you.
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Our policy for December shall be most unique.....

Instead of waiting until after the first of the year to begin the clearing out of Winter weights and strictly Winter wearables, as is the usual custom, we shall begin right away, and by doing so we shall round out double the usual December business and enable those of you who will buy wearables as gifts to effect some very splendid savings.

We give you a few of our Present Prices:

$22 50	Overcoats,	now	$17.50
20 00	"	"	15.00
15.00	"	"	11.50
10.00	"	"	7.50

Gent's best Kid Gloves, $1.00—EVERY PAIR GUARANTEED.
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S. & B. Solomon.
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25c Half Hose, all colors, go for	18c pair
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In our Men's and Children's Clothing Department, you can buy a Suit at New York Cost. Remember that all of this stock is new and seasonable. Don't wait until your size is sold, but come at once.
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